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DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS.

TO-DAY.
(January 5.)
Rotary Club Tiffin, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 1 p.m.
Photographic Exhibition at the University, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Whist Drive, St. Patrick's Club.
Hockey: Radio Sports Club v. Small Ships.
Queen's Theatre: "The Ghost Train."
Central Theatre: "Dirigible."
King's Theatre: "Trans-Atlantic."
Star Theatre: "Three Live Ghosts."
World Theatre: "High Society Blues."
Tea Dances at King's Restaurant and Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel, Peninsula Hotel and King's Restaurant.
European Mail:—Outward: Europe via Suez (Sphinx) 2 p.m.; Europe via Suez (Diomed) 2.30 p.m.; Europe via Siberia (Pres. Hoover) 4.30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY.
(January 6.)
Epiphany, Twelfth Day.
Slight Cold (Hesperus).
Photographic Exhibition at the University, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Rugby Football:—Club "A" v. H.M.S. Kent, Club ground, 3 p.m.
Hockey: Club v. Army, U.S.R.C. ground, 4.30 p.m.
Fanning Hunt, Kennels, 3.15 p.m.
Central Theatre: "Dirigible."
King's Theatre: "Trans-Atlantic."
Queen's Theatre: "The Lyon's Mail."
World Theatre: "High Society Blues."
Star Theatre: "Three Live Ghosts."
Tea Dances at King's Restaurant and Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Repulse Bay Hotel, Peninsula Hotel and King's Restaurant.
European Mail:—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Chenonceaux) 2.30 p.m.
THURSDAY.
(January 7.)
Golf: Completion of second round, Taggart Cup (Ladies).
Hockey: Radio Sports Club v. German Club.
Photographic Exhibition at the University, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
King's Theatre: "Her Wedding Night."
Queen's Theatre: "The Lyon's Mail."
Central Theatre: "Mother's Millions."
World Theatre: "High Society Blues."
Tea Dances at King's Restaurant and Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Peninsula Hotel, Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant.

THIS CONTRACT BRIDGE BUSINESS.

WHY THE NEW CRAZE HAS TAKEN AMERICA BY STORM.
ITS IRRESISTABLE APPEAL AS A GAME FOR PARTNERS.

America has been swept by Contractitis writes, "Caliban" in a London journal. The epidemic set in about three years ago. Everyone now plays Contract (with the exception, of course, of the intelligent anywhere). Shoeblacks, train conductors, High School teachers, the vendors of hooch and hot dogs—they all know all about "forcing take-outs" and "counts of seven-teen." Thousands of people make a more, or less good living out of teaching them to play.

Ely Culbertson, they say, makes \$20,000 a year (and they were saying that before the dollar slumped). Not as some ingenious people think, by playing Contract—though, when he gets time for a game, Ely plays a good one—but by writing about it and by organising the teachers. His two books lead the field in America among non-fiction sellers.

AN INDUSTRY.
In short, Contract is not only a game but an industry. I should think it comes next to boot legging and the talkies—No. 3 on the list.

Two years ago I saw Ely Culbertson in New York. The plans for his great offensive were then just complete. He was about to launch, in the "Bridge World," the bidding system which is now almost universally played.

I went to see Wilbur Whitehead, who died so unexpectedly this year. He took me to an afternoon party where about 50 well-dressed women were playing duplicate. At the end of the party the hands were criticised by Wilbur.

There was no money on the game: the participants just paid an entrance fee of 1.50 dollars each, and

instructionally it was well worth the money. Wilbur and I played together and made top score.

I went to see Milton Work. He is not a great contract player, but he is a magnificent organiser. He was signing letters—answers to correspondents who wanted to know how to bid. He answers, free of charge, hundreds of correspondents a day. I thought of the poet's lines:

*Malt does more than Milton can
To justify God's ways to man.*

In the Middle West this simply is not true. Malt is nowhere; but everybody writes to Milton.

WILL ENGLAND FOLLOW?
Will Contract ever have the same vogue in England?
It is a very good game; descendant of a long line of good games. What was its great-grandfather—the finest of all card games. What began "straight" Bridge ("May I play to Hearts, partner?"); "straight" Bridge began Auction, which is still played more in England than is Contract. But Contract—a more interesting game than Auction, since its standard of skill is much higher—has ousted Auction from our card clubs. And elsewhere it is spreading, and spreading fast; and within a year or two to play Auction will be definitely "dowdy."

But contract will not, in our time, sweep England as it has swept America, for the simple reason that our social conditions are different.

PLAY STANDARDS.
In America the backbone of the game are the women. That is because they have next to no home life. Living in apartment-houses, eating in cafeterias, largely shut out from business by the frenzied commerce (Continued on Page 3.)



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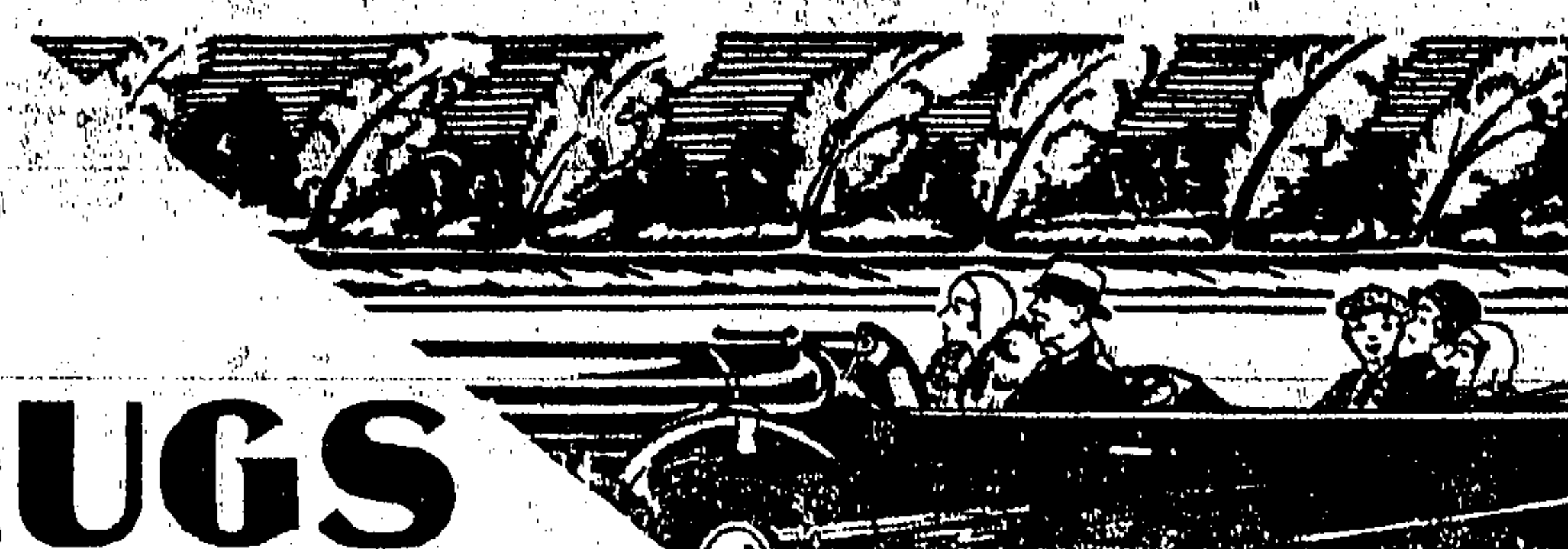
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SPARKS

FROM THE PLUGS



CRUISING SPEED OF 50 M.P.H.

ROAD PERFORMANCES OF THE ROVER METEOR

LUXURY CAR AT £398.

[By NORMAN RAE, *Evening Standard Motor Correspondent.*]

When I went to Great Portland street to take delivery of a Rover Meteor from Messrs. Henlys, I was given a little lecture by Mr. John Price, who is in charge of the Rover section at Henlys, on the basis one should criticise motor-cars.

"When taking out a Rover Meteor," said Mr. Price, "it is well to remember that this 20 h.p. car costs only £398. It must not be compared with big luxury cars selling at round about £1,000."

Mr. Price could easily have omitted his lecture. My experiences with this Meteor have convinced me that in this 20 h.p. car the Rover Company have produced a real luxury car capable of high touring speeds in perfect comfort at minimum cost.

Six-Cylinder Engine.

The engine of the Meteor is a six-cylinder one rated by the R.A.C. at 16.3 h.p. It is operated by overhead valves, and ignition is by a coil and battery system.

There is room for three full grown passengers in the back seat, which, however, can be quickly converted into two very comfortable seats by bringing into use a normally invisible arm.

There is ample leg room, and during my tests, a friend who is 6 feet 2 inches expressed the opinion that he could stretch himself in comfort in this car.

Over 70 M.P.H.

On actual time test the Meteor is capable of a speed a few miles in excess of the 70 m.p.h. mark. The brakes system is very good. At first I was a little disturbed by the apparent failure of the foot pedal, but I quickly discovered that this was really a delusion. The brakes pull the car up safely and steadily at any speed. In fact the brake pedal is one of the most easy to operate I have ever seen. At high speeds the Meteor is remarkably steady. I tried it on a particularly "skiddy" and winding section of road, and found that it was almost impossible to make the car skid at all.

The Rover Company claim a cruising speed of 45, but I found that the perfect cruising speed is just over the 50 m.p.h. mark.

There is no starting difficulty with the Meteor. By the judicious use of strangle, the car will start up first thing in the morning on the second touch of the starter button. Yesterday morning I timed the starting operation, and found that in under 3 seconds from touching the starter button, the engine was running comparatively smoothly without any sign of fuss.

The lights on the Meteor are particularly good. The driving position is comfortable, and the gear-handle is in just the right position.

If I have any fault to find with the car at all, it is with regard to the hand-brake lever. In my opinion it could be made just a little bit more accessible. I found it awkward to manipulate at first, but by the end of the test I had got accustomed to its position.

Top-Gear Performance.

The acceleration of the car is remarkable. Time and again, by just the slightest touch on the accelerator pedal, I found it easy to pass cars ahead. Top-gear performance is good. In this car the Meteor (Continued on next Column.)

AMERICAN CARS IN BRITAIN.

FAMOUS MAKER'S DECISION.

Mr. Walter P. Chrysler, America's third largest motor-car manufacturer, has decided, in order to retain the British market for his cars, that he must erect a British factory. There has been for some time past an English subsidiary company, Chrysler Motors, Ltd., with works at Kew, where Chrysler cars are assembled and in some instances fitted with English bodies and accessories.

This company will greatly extend its activities shortly. Additional workshops are to be erected, and future cars sold here by the company will to a considerable extent be produced from British materials by British labour.

Mr. Chrysler thus comes into line with Mr. Henry Ford and General Motors. These three producers are responsible for practically 70 per cent. of the total American output.

went over Harrow Hill at 33 m.p.h. Second gear will take the car up a gradient reputed to be one in four. In fact this gear enabled me to get away from an enforced stop on the hill, and at no time during the test of over 200 miles did I find it necessary to use bottom gear. The Meteor when handed over to me by Messrs. Henlys had done 1,700 miles in the hands of demonstration drivers, and was obviously just approaching its best.

Light to Handle.

The speeds make it an ideal car for the driver who likes high maximum speed coupled with the comfort of the luxury type of car. It is so easy and light to handle that the average woman driver would find it as delightful to drive in traffic as on the open road. The overall length of the Meteor without bumpers is 13 feet 10 inches, and the overall width 5 feet 10 inches.

I was unable to carry out an accurate petrol consumption test; but from general observation I should say it is about 25 miles to a gallon.

MOTOR-CARS AND CRIME.

A DISQUIETING PROBLEM TO BE FACED.

BANDITS TRANSFER ACTIVITIES TO PROVINCES.

Those of us who assisted to develop the motor-car from a noisy and unreliable toy into universal transport failed to realise the glee with which the underworld would adopt the new locomotion and the acute problems which it was to create for the police forces of the world. The professional criminal has snatched a new lease of life with the aid of the motor-car, and has been able to fend off the ascendancy which scientific police methods were fast establishing over him.

Useless Registration System.

There was a time when an innocent Home Office imagined that a system of registration and number-plates would checkmate the dishonest motorist. They ought to have been disillusioned at the very outset when a "mischievous" journalist, perceiving the meshes in the Government net, announced that he had driven his car scatheless for three months with a licence-holder containing the label soaked off a bottle of stout. The Home Office was shocked, but it did not perceive the red lamp. To-day everybody knows that the registration-book is an expensive nuisance and does no practical service to anybody. It occasionally assists the buyer of a second-hand car to discover its precise age; but he can always obtain this more accurately by sending the chassis numbers to the factory. The criminal scouts the whole of this cautionary organisation.

If a man is going to burgle a bank, or snatch a cashier's bag, or smash-and-grab a jeweller's shop, minor offences do not worry him. He will perhaps equip a car with reversible number-plates. The crime will be committed with car XXXX42, and as soon as the wires are singing with that number the plates will be swung over, and car YYY124 will pass innocently through the cordon with which the police have surrounded the area. It is even possible to camouflage a car, so that its appearance can be substantially changed in a very few minutes. But such complications are hardly necessary in these mass-production days, when any of a dozen factories may turn out in one week as many as 100 cars, each of which is an exact duplicate of the others, except for numbers stamped on inaccessible portions of the mechanism.

Safety Measures in London.

Recent developments in the London area have rendered motor crimes extremely dangerous to their perpetrators, though the cost of the safety measures has been enormous. In the first place, an adequate force of very fast police cars must be maintained over the whole area. Secondly, elaborate communications are needed to concentrate the speed patrols at the briefest imaginable notice in any locality where a crime is reported. Thirdly, a network of foot patrols must cover the whole area, in order to set the speed patrols in action by means of the lightning communication system. But this development naturally creates reactions. London is not the only part of England where rich booty awaits the daring thief. As motor burglaries are made more and more risky in the Metropolis, the expert thief shifts his attention to the

provinces; and the inevitable corollary is the building up of a similar system of safeguards in the other cities. The provinces furnish no such acute problem for the police. A provincial city admits of closer shepherding; its residents are more stable. If the depredators come from afar, the number of roads which need watching after a raid are fewer, and the night traffic along the main national roads is easier to supervise. But at the moment the nation is unquestionably faced with a situation which will multiply its expenditure on police by very substantial sums, and may ultimately compel us to adopt completely novel methods of road supervision. It is alleged that in a recent smash-and-grab raid the valuable booty consisted of quite a small parcel of very costly rings. They were carried off in a mass-production car, completely indistinguishable from hundreds of sister vehicles. Within a mile of the scene of the theft, this small parcel was transferred to another mass-production car of a different make; and at some unknown distance farther along the thieves' ultimate route, the spoils were handed over to yet a third car, equally indistinguishable. Two of the three cars are supposed to have been stolen, and the third very possibly bore an imaginary or reversible number.

The Police's Main Difficulty.

It is very greatly to the credit of the police that they already control so difficult a position in all its major aspects. If they were al-

lowed to defend themselves against criticism they would probably claim that sooner or later they lay all the leaders of the new crime by the heels, and that their main trouble is that anybody can join the ranks of their enemies at brief notice, so that they are perpetually hunting for new recruits. The recruit to the new crime really needs no equipment except some small baggage, a little mechanical knowledge, and the address of a more or less trustworthy receiver, to whom he can sell what he steals. The existence of these recruits complicates the proper tactics of the police, which is to identify the potential criminals, and watch them in their haunts, as a cheaper alternative than watching shops and warehouses and roads, and chasing actual thieves with fast cars directed by telephone and wireless.

Some Preventive Measures.

Several palliatives have been suggested, and it is conceivable that some of these palliatives may yet be forced upon us. Such measures include mechanical provision for making cars comparatively thief-proof. The ignition lock is useless, but a gearlock is far more promising. Some police authorities consider that personal identity cards may one day be forced upon us. Others hold that a modification of the French octroi system would help; that outside every considerable city each main road should be furnished with a safe and simple type of barrier, which could be brought into action at will. At

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GOOD GOING.

MORRIS MINORS' FINE PERFORMANCE.

News had been received from Messrs. Malcomson, Ltd., Morris Distributors for Port Elizabeth and District (South Africa), that Mr. E. T. Baxter, the private owner of a Morris Minor overhead valve two-seater model, recently set up a new record from Johannesburg to Port Elizabeth by covering the 748 miles separating these towns in a total running time of 23 hours, the average speed throughout being 32 m.p.h.

This performance was all the more meritorious inasmuch as the driver undertook the journey purely as a pleasure trip, and carried with him considerable luggage.

present when the police definitely known that a gang of dangerous thieves are racing into London by night from—for example—the north, they experience considerable difficulty in stopping them, even when the appearance of the car is known and the stolen goods are too bulky to elude even a superficial search. Of these expedients, the personal identity card may prove the most useful. It is odd to reflect that I cannot easily establish my identity in any part of England where I am a stranger; but that when I tour the Continent I am instantly identifiable anywhere with the aid of my passport. It is true that photographs can be interchanged on passports, but a finger-print passport would be irrefutable.

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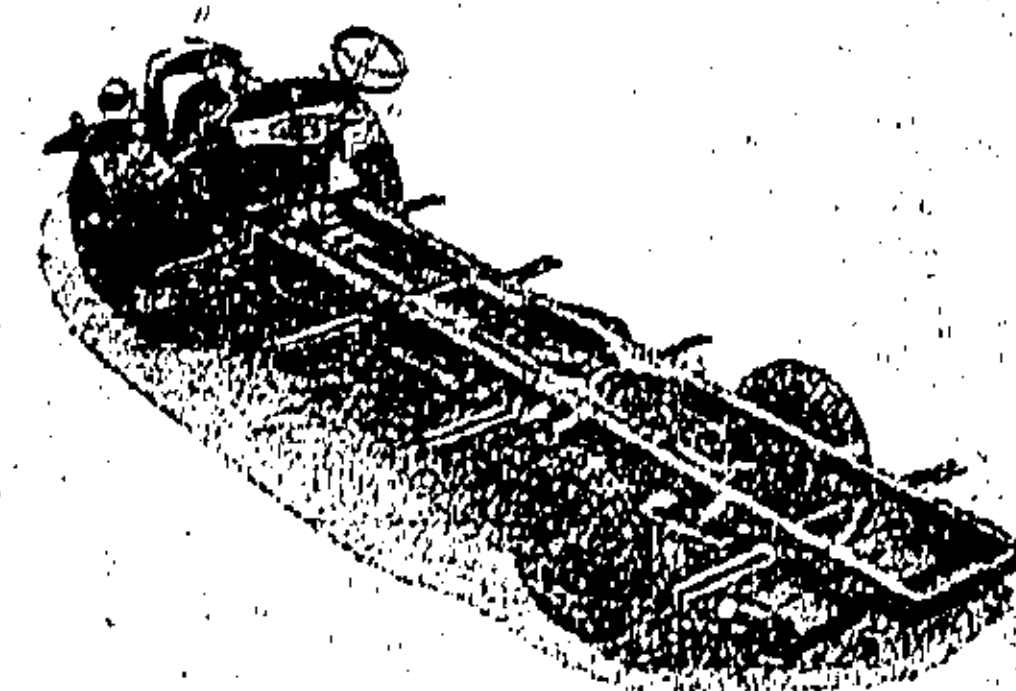
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MOTOR-CYCLE BABY.

TEMPTING THE PEDAL TRAVELLERS.

Olympia, London, is being prepared for the last of the British motor shows of the year—the Motor Cycle Exhibition.

The show will be smaller than in any previous year, for not only is the space occupied reduced, but the number of firms displaying machines is fewer.

One of the features of the exhibition will be machines on which a tax of only 16s. is payable. A last-minute surprise is one of these miniature mounts, designed to appeal to pedal cyclists, which has its engine and three-speed gear box built in one unit.

In this machine no primary transmission chain troubles can be experienced, for the drive is by a train of gears. Costing less than £20, completely with electric lighting, the mount is said to be capable of 50 miles an hour with a normal fuel consumption of 150 miles to a gallon.

mission. What is the degree of liability? There is such a thing as trespass.

Counsel said that in this case the repair was done properly and with the knowledge of Mr. Ellis.

Judge Dumas gave judgment to the firm, with costs.

CAR DAMAGE IN GARAGES.

WHO PAYS?

The question of liability for damage done to cars left in garages was raised at Clerkenwell County Court.

Mr. H. F. Ellis, Camden-road, Holloway, sued the Flight Petroleum Company, Ltd., owners of garages at Parkhurst-road, Holloway, for £24 11s. 6d.

That the car was bumped into by another car and damaged while stationary in the garage was admitted.

The defendants, who are also motor engineers, stated that they carried out all necessary repairs to this car, on the instructions of the insurers of the colliding car, and it left the garage in good order.

For Mr. Ellis it was claimed that the defendants, by accepting the car and charging rent, gave an implied contract to keep the vehicle free from damage.

"Like a Lame Duck."

It was stated that it "hobbled into Clacton like a lame duck" and then broke down. A piece of wood was then found fixed between the spring and the axle.

Defendants' manager said it was not there when the car left the works, and Mrs. Ellis (who drove the car) said she knew nothing about it.

Judge Dumas: Supposing my property is damaged by a third person, who repairs it without permission, is it not trespass?

(Continued on previous column.)

NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST

PRINCESS MARY NOW PRINCESS ROYAL

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Jan. 1. His Majesty's daughter, Princess Mary, Countess of Harewood, will henceforth bear the title of Princess Royal.

This is one of the most interesting features of the New Year's Honours list which includes one Viscountcy and five new Peers, and for political and public services, three Privy Counsellors, three Baronets, and twenty-eight Knights.

The elevation of Col. Ashley, and Sir W. Mitchell Thomson will involve bye-elections at Christchurch, Hants, and South Croydon.

Another interesting appointment is that of Salote Tubou, Queen of Tonga, as an honorary Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

The principal honours follow:—

Viscounts.

In recognition of his work in connection with the Round Table Conference a Viscountcy has been conferred on Lord Sanku, the Lord Chancellor, who was created a Baron in 1919. He was Chairman of the Federal Structure Committee of the Indian Round Table Conference. He was called to the Bar in 1902, was a Judge of the King's Bench Division 1914-28 and a Lord Justice of Appeal from 1928 to the following year.

The following are raised to the Peerage:—

Barons.

Reginald Clifford Allen, formerly Director of the Daily Herald. He was Secretary and general manager of the first official Labour organ, the Daily Citizen from 1911-13. Between 1910-17 he was three times imprisoned as a conscientious objector and from 1914-18 was Chairman of the No-Conscription Fellowship. From 1922-26 he was Treasurer and Chairman of the Independent Labour Party and in 1920 was Labour delegate to Russia. He has published several pamphlets on Socialism and Conscription.

Rt. Hon. Lieut.-Col. Wilfrid William Ashley, P.C., who has been a Conservative M.P. for various divisions since 1906. He was Conservative Whip 1911-13 and Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Transport in 1922. From November 1924 to 1929 he was Minister of Transport. He is Chairman of the Anti-Socialist Union.

Rt. Hon. Lieut.-Col. Walter Edward Guinness, P.C., D.S.O., who was Minister of Agriculture from 1924 to 1929.

Rt. Hon. Lief Jones, P.C., M.A., Liberal M.P. for the Camborne Division of Cornwall.

Rt. Hon. Sir William Mitchell-Thompson, P.C., Postmaster-General from 1924-29 a Member of Parliament since 1906.

Privy Counsellors.

The new Privy Counsellors are: Col. Sir Clive Wigram, K.C.V.O., C.B., Private Secretary and Equerry to His Majesty the King. He was formerly A.D.C. to Lord Elgin, Viceroy of India, as well as to Lord Curzon.

Major Walter Elliot, a member of the National Government, and a Conservative M.P. since 1918. Sir Thomas Walter Hobart Inskip, C.B.E., Attorney-General, 1928-30, and previously Solicitor-General for 1923. His Parliamentary career extends from 1906.

Baronets.

Baronets have been conferred on: Arthur Michael Samuel, Conservative M.P. for Farnham since 1918. During the War he was assistant to the Director of Army Contracts at War Office and Staff Assistant to the Ministry of Munitions. He was subsequently Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Percy Harris, Liberal Member of Parliament for Bethnal Green, formerly Chairman of the London County Council. He was elected to the L.C.C. in 1907 and was appointed deputy Chairman in 1915. He was responsible for starting the Volunteer Training Corps in 1914 and was later appointed by the Army Council to organize volunteer corps.

Sir Harry Hops, Kt., ex-President of the South Scottish Chamber of Agriculture.

John Buchan, M.P., the famous novelist for public educational and literary services. Conservative member for the Scottish Universities since 1927, he was on the Headquarters Staff of the British Army in France, 1916-17.

Knighthoods.

Twenty-eight knights are created, among them being:—

George Buckton Browne, who, endowed the house where Charles Darwin lived gave it to the Nation. He has given generous financial support to medical research work. Dr. Henry Hallett Dale, C.B.E., the Director of the National Institute for Medical Research at Hampstead. He has been Secretary of the Royal Society since 1925.

Patrick Geddes, Emeritus Professor of Botany at St. Andrews, for services to education. He has accomplished a tremendous amount of research work in geography, biology, history and social economy. He has been actively occupied in city improvement, town planning and educational initiative in England, on the Continent and in India. He is the author of several books on sex, biology and evolution.

Richard Hoyle Jackson, Chairman of Messrs. Hoyle and Jackson, Ltd., Chairman of the Empire Cotton-Growing Corporation and Vice-President of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Association, Ltd.

Thomas Mcara, Secretary to the Newspaper Proprietors' Association.

Ernest Darwin Simon, formerly Liberal M.P. for Withington, a member of the Manchester City Council from 1911-25 and Lord Mayor of Manchester in 1921. He was Chairman of the Housing Committee from 1919-23.

Henry Wilkins, President of the Co-operative Wholesale Society.

Major Murdoch McKenzie Wood, O.B.E., Liberal Whip in 1923-24 and now Assistant Whip.

Henry Solomon Wellcome, Governing Director of the Wellcome Foundation, Founder and director of the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum and Founder of the Wellcome Bureau of Scientific Research.

British Empire Order.

Promotions and appointments in the Order of the British Empire include:—

Dame Grand Cross.—Dowager Viscountess Cowdray, in recognition of numerous benefactions, particularly in connection with hospitals and the nursing profession.

Dame Commanders.—Miss Margaret Tuke, late Principal of Bedford College for women.

Doctor Edith Brown, Principal of the Women's Hospital, Ludhiana, Punjab.

Salote Tubou, Queen of Tonga. K.B.E.—Frederick William Mase, Inspector General of Chinese Customs since 1920. He entered the Chinese Maritime Customs in 1891 and was Deputy Commissioner at Fanchow and Canton successively.

He was offered the post of Southern Inspector General on three occasions by the Nanking Government during 1927, but declined to accept.

C.B.E.—Miss Harriette Chick, distinguished scientific worker in bacteriology and biochemistry.

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Knight Grand Cross.—Lord Peel, P.C., G.B.E., Leader of the Municipal Reform Party in 1903 and Chairman of the L.C.C. in 1914. During the War he served in varied administrative capacities to the War Office and in 1921 was Secretary of State for India.

C.V.O.

Sir Henry Walford Davies, Kt., the organist of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, since 1927, who is also Director of Music and Chairman of the National Council of Music, University of Wales.

Other Honours.

Among those awarded the Kaiser-Tind medal is the former Speaker of the House of Commons, Mr. J. H. Whitley, late Chairman of the Royal Commission on Labour in India. A large number of officers in India and the colonial services also receive honours.

Promotions in the Air Force include Air Vice-Marshal Sir John Steel to be Air Marshal and Air Commodore MacEwen to be Air Vice-Marshal.

DOCTORS AND BIRTH CONTROL.

RESEARCH ADVOCATED.

PROFESSOR LASKI'S PLEA.

Professor H. J. Laski, speaking on "Birth control and the future of democratic society," at a meeting of the National Birth Control Association in the Caxton Hall, London, said that on the whole birth control seemed to be part of the general process of civilisation.

It was impossible to limit the range of its influence. Sooner or later the understanding of what birth control might involve should be extended to the working classes of this country, should be demanded by them, and should exercise its influence on the changing character of our civilisation.

"You can extend this knowledge to the working classes," he said, "as part of a deliberate effort to plan your civilisation and make it part of the birthright of every civilised human being. The control of the population problem would place in the hands of society a weapon whose significance is comparable with the discovered of fire. It may give us a power over nature whose consequences no one can see."

Birth control, he said, was a process of emancipation first for the woman, but also for children and for men. To give the working woman a conscious control of parenthood was one of the most considerable pieces of liberation that had ever come to the human race. It would make her almost for the first time a human being with a personality. Those who promoted the growth and dispersion of knowledge of birth control were doing service of the first quality to our national life. It would emancipate the child by giving it a home where freedom and originality could be abundantly developed.

State-Aided Research.

Professor Laski said that medical research into birth control was required, and that it should be assisted by the State as is research into any form of disease. A full supply of cheap birth control clinics should be made available all over the country, especially near maternity welfare centres. It was important that the provision of information on birth control should be an integral part of the maternity centres. To separate the movement from the main stream of national life would be to make it considered as something furtive and a little shameful instead of as part of the general processes of civilisation.

"I think it should be our business if possible," he said, "to secure recognition by the medical profession that part of the medical students' normal training should be to gain a knowledge of contraceptive practices. It is futile for the unreasoning hostility we have encountered to continue, futile to think that this movement in the stage it has reached all over the world can be prevented from moving relentlessly on to its conclusion."

"It may be arrested here and there, but you cannot deny to men and women the knowledge they have come to realise is essential. Two things seem to me essential for the preservation of freedom and for the protection of personality: a supply of true and pure news, and the distribution of a knowledge of birth control."

Sir Thomas Horder, who presided, referring to the suggestion about training medical students in birth control, said that before anything could be done society had to be convinced that it had a disease, and that it wished to be cured of that disease. Society knew of the existence of cancer and wished to be cured of cancer. Therefore the medical student was trained in the latest methods of dealing with that disease. "In view of indiscriminate child-bearing as a disease," he said, "and am therefore very anxious that birth control should, as soon as possible, be made a subject in the medical students' curriculum. You not only have to convince society that it is ill and wishes to be cured. You have to provide a remedy of such proved merit that it can be put into the medical curriculum, a remedy that can be taught to the students in standardised form. We cannot afford to wait till science has put perfect nostrums for dealing with diseases into our hands, and we have to use the remedies up to date. It is for such sociologists as Professor Laski to show us the existence of the disease."

BISHOP'S NO UNCLE AND NIECE WEDDINGS.

The Bishop of Chichester has advised the clergy of his diocese to refuse to allow marriages between uncles and nieces by marriage to be celebrated in their churches.

His recommendation applies to all marriages within the Church's prohibited degrees which are now sanctioned as civil contracts by the Marriage Act of 1931.

In a statement he says that all incumbents are in the Marriage Act expressly left free both to refuse to perform such marriage services themselves and also to refuse to allow their performance by any other clergyman in their church. The bishop adds:

"The Church itself has taken no action to cancel the prohibition contained in the table of kindred and affinity at the end of the Book of Common Prayer."

"I hope, therefore, that all the clergy of this diocese will take full advantage of the liberty secured to them, and refuse to celebrate these marriages or to allow them to be celebrated in their churches."

"Where such marriages do take place they should take place in the Register Office."

At present, the bishop says, a large committee of Convocation is considering the whole question of the marriage law of the Church, to ascertain what is the teaching of the New Testament and how it can be applied in the complex circumstances of to-day.

THE CONTRACT BRIDGE BUSINESS.

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COURT DECISION IN £83 CLAIM.

Judgment was given at West London County Court in the action against Mrs. Lucie Bennett, mother of Mrs. Eileen Fearnley-Whittingstall (formerly Miss Eileen Bennett), the lawn tennis player.

She was sued by Messrs. Arthur and Pirks, Ltd., of Sloan-street, for £83 for work done and goods supplied to her order at a house in Thurlow Close last March, then the property of Mr. Edmund Owen Fearnley Whittingstall, the artist, her son-in-law.

When the case was heard before Mr. Fearnley-Whittingstall said that at no time did he give them any orders.

Mrs. Fearnley-Whittingstall, giving evidence for her mother, said that she herself gave the orders. "My mother, in my presence, gave directions as to the work at my request," she said.

Judge's Three Points.

Judge Hargreaves said the three points which he had to determine were:

Whether Mrs. Bennett was the person who entered into the contract.

Whether she had Mr. Fearnley-Whittingstall's authority to enter into the contract to pledge his credit.

Was that authority of Mr. Fearnley-Whittingstall brought to the notice of the plaintiffs? One could eliminate Mr. Fearnley Whittingstall, at any rate, from that part of the case as to who gave the orders.

It was not in dispute that Mrs. Bennett gave the final orders for the work. To his mind, no actual contract was entered into at the house, and one had to look to the telephone conversation which Mrs. Bennett had with Mr. Arthur for the conclusion of the contract.

It did seem that the contract was originally one between Mr. Arthur and Mrs. Bennett.

Mrs. Bennett's Memory.

Judge Hargreaves went on to consider the question whether Mrs. Bennett had Mr. Fearnley-Whittingstall's authority. He remarked:

"The question arises whether I can rely on Mrs. Bennett's recollection on this point. Nothing is said in the correspondence by Mrs. Bennett. I have come to the conclusion that on that part I cannot rely. Mrs. Bennett's recollection."

Throughout the case there had not been one single word of evidence which had shown that Mrs. Bennett had consulted Mr. Fearnley-Whittingstall on any point of importance—as to what decorator he would like to go to; as to the character of the decorations he would like carried out; how much it would cost; how much he could afford.

The judge said he must take the view that from start to finish Mrs. Bennett seemed to have completely ignored Mr. Fearnley-Whittingstall that she had no authority from Mr. Fearnley-Whittingstall, nor had she ever asked for such authority.

He thought this was a case where Mrs. Bennett, though she might not have realised it, made herself liable for the account by failing to get any authority from Mr. Fearnley-Whittingstall before she gave the order over the telephone.

"I feel considerable sympathy with all the parties in this case," added the judge, "and particularly with the Fearnley-Whittingstalls at having so much of their private affairs gone into in these proceedings."

He gave judgment for the amount claimed, with costs, against Mrs. Bennett.

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"MOTHER'S
MILLIONS."FINE FILM COMING TO THE
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If you're worried about not having enough money, you'll get double your share of enjoyment out of "Mother's Millions," the Universal picture which will be the next attraction at the Central Theatre. This picture presents a highly diverting and, at times, strongly dramatic story of folks who had to fight their wealth for their own happiness.

The leading figure is a fabulously wealthy woman with a fighting heart, who beats the crooked manipulators of millions at their own game. But hers is a fight for the happiness of others, and the manner in which her triumph is reached forms one of the most entertaining talking pictures of recent weeks.

Frances Dade, one of the coming youngsters on the screen to-day, has a leading part in the picture which was written especially for May Robson, beloved character star of the legitimate stage. Others in the cast of screen favorites are James Hall, Lawrence Gray, Edmund Breese, Elinor Flynn and Lillian Harmer.

The picture was adapted from the stage play, "Mother's Millions," by Howard McKent Barnes. It was adapted for the screen by Winifred Dunn. James Flood directed.

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From the moment Edmund Lowe, as a suave and debonair gambler, slips aboard the a.s. Transatlantic, to escape the district attorney's craft probe, until the ocean greyhound docks at its European port, things happen rapidly, and not only to Lowe, but to his fellow passengers who include Lois Moran as a daughter of a German lion's grunder, impersonated by Jean Herscholt, and an absconding banker, played by John Halliday, whose nefarious operations have cost Herscholt his life savings.

To add to the complications Halliday is accompanied by his wife, Myrna Loy, and aboard ship is also Halliday's light of love, a role portrayed by Greta Nissen. Lowe gives about the best performance of his career while Lois Moran is as sweet and convincing as ever. Greta Nissen, the blonde and Myrna Loy are good as ever.

"DIRIGIBLE."

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By curious coincidence, all three of the men, chiefly responsible for "Dirigible," Columbia's air special showing to-day at the Central Theatre, started in life as engineers. Jack Holt specialized in civil engineering at the Virginia Military Institute, and followed the world at various times in his career after graduating, but has never pretended seriously that he is an engineer.

Ralph Graves comes of a long line of engineering ancestors, and prepared for a career in the profession of his father and grandfather at the Case School of Applied Science in Cleveland, O., his home town. He took up metallurgy, and worked at it for a time, but soon gave it up to go on the stage. Once since starting his picture career he returned to the engineering profession for two years, but again gave it up to answer the call of the camera and footlights.

Frank Capra, director, attended the California Institute of Technology, as a chemical engineer in 1918, but almost immediately went into the army and did not return to engineering after the war.

"HER WEDDING
NIGHT."CLARA BOW AND CHARLES
RUGGLES.

Charles Ruggles' mannerisms of speech, his chief comedy asset are not simulated, according to those who know him at the Paramount Hollywood studios. Ruggles' style of clipping off his words in the British manner, at the same time using a pronunciation purely American, is as natural to him as his cherub smile.

It was one of the great surprises of my life when I first heard his voice from the screen," Ruggles recalls. "It's something I have had always with me and to which I had paid little attention up to that time. I haven't entirely recovered from the shock yet."

Ruggles' voice is indicative of his temperament, quick, nervous, alert to everything that goes on about him. Dialogue script girls at the Paramount studios in Hollywood, where Ruggles recently worked in the new Clara Bow, hit, "Her Wedding Night," booked for showing Thursday next at the King's Theatre, claim they have had twice as much work to do since Ruggles invaded Hollywood. Dialogue script girls like the shorthand notes of every line the players speak while they are before the cameras, to secure an unquestionable record of any changes from the written script that might be made while words are uttered.

Ruggles, after a habit derived from long experiences as a stage comedian, "gags" as he goes through his scenes, forgetting no important cues, but, at the same time, "playing for the laughs." In "Her Wedding Night," Ruggles has a part in Clara Bow's first screen farce comedy with Ralph Forbes, the romantic hero of "Beau Geste" and "A Lady of Scandal," and Skeets Gallagher.

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MARTIN HARVEY AND
"TRICK" PHOTOGRAPHY.

Cinema audiences will be privileged to see some very interesting double-exposure photography in "The Lyons Mail," showing tomorrow at the Queen's. Sir John Martin Harvey, who plays the famous dual role, will actually be seen as the good Lesarques addressing Dubois, his villainous counterpart. Sydney Blythe, who is chief cameraman on "The Lyons Mail," has achieved some very remarkable dramatic effects in collaboration with Baynham Henri, the chief sound engineer.

Why Berlin Leads Paris
in the Film Race.

(By ERNEST BETTS.)

London, Dec. 5.—To-day one of the most interesting of our talkies visitors from the Continent leaves London for Berlin to continue her work in films and the theatre. She is Miss Renate Muller, the young German actress who made an instantaneous hit in "Sunshine Susie," the new Gainsborough film at the Capitol Theatre.

Miss Muller's visit is a reminder of the increasingly powerful link which now exists between London and Berlin, not only in talkies but in social and cultural matters. Berlin is always talking to us through her films.

It used to be Paris which was the predominant attraction. When Rene Clair made "Sous les Toits de Paris" and "Le Million," everybody talked of French films and the French advance in talkie technique. Daring aesthetes flew to Paris to be in the movement. London drawing-rooms shook with Gallic enthusiasm.

Unfortunately, French films have failed to produce a star, for Vanda Greville, who played the lead in "Le Million," is not really known over here.

Berlin is making the stars and thrusting them into the broad light of day—while Paris sleeps.

Miss Renate Muller, who comes from the Berlin school of talkie artists, had already scored a Continental success in "The Private Secretary," the original of "Sunshine Susie" in Germany, before she came to London. She knew the whole thing by heart.

GOSSIP AND FACT.

Mr. Bertie Meyer, the well-known theatre manager who is presenting "Elizabeth of England" at the Cambridge, London, has become engaged to Miss Rosemary Ames, an American actress. Miss Ames, who is in her early twenties, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Knowlton L. Ames, her father being a newspaper proprietor in Chicago.

She received a stage training at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London, and was lately appearing at the Phoenix in "Late Night Final," a play dealing with the methods of the late reputable American newspaperman, Mr. Meyer, who is 34, was formerly married to a daughter of Dame

MR. WM. WALTON'S
"BELSHAZZAR'S
FEAST."NEW WORK A TRIUMPH
FOR BRITISH MUSIC.

London, Dec. 12.—Last night's B.B.C. concert will, possibly come to be regarded as an historic occasion, for young Mr. William Walton's "Belshazzar's Feast," a work of immense significance, was being given for the first time in London.

Here is a work with a difference, a work as regarded by the modern school, for Mr. Walton is only twenty-nine. Far behind is the conventional religious composition of the sadate Kapellmeister with its Mendelssohnian choruses, its prim little arias, and its recitatives after the manner of Handel. The composer has taken a barbaric and dramatic subject, and has treated it with an abundance of smashing rhythm, his recitatives being confined to an accompaniment of declamations (admirably sung by Mr. Stuart Robertson) of a pronounced Oriental tinge.

The chorus shout away gaily in triumph—in very truth "a happy noise to hear"—or wail in lamentation, the latter much less frequently, since the exultant and victorious note is uppermost. The vitality and vigour of the whole thing are amazing; so are its cleverness and, above all, the essential sanity of its inspiration. Mr. Walton is never odd for the sake of oddity. Although he makes full use of modern resources, he never does so with affectation. "Belshazzar's Feast" is the greatest achievement in British music for any years—and it would be hard to find within that period anything the Continent has produced to compare with it.

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EXHIBITION OF
PHOTOGRAPHS.

SUCCESSFUL REPORT BY
UNIVERSITY CLUB.

MANY FOREIGN COMPETITORS

There were over 400 photographs entered by 65 competitors, on display in the Union Assembly Room when the Hong Kong University Amateur Photographic Club declared their fourth annual exhibition open to the public yesterday afternoon.

Exhibits were sent from foreign countries including England, America, Japan, Straits Settlements, Java and India, which were entered with the local competitors in the open classes for landscape, genre and still life. The majority of the prizes in the open competition were gained by the foreign exhibits. Separate prizes were awarded in the members' competition for advanced-amateurs and beginners.

A Record Entry.

The exhibition this year attracted a record number of entries. Some of the pictures have been exhibited in foreign countries and reach a high standard of excellence. The progress in the art by local competitors has been remarkable as there are a large number of photographs from them which do them credit. Mr. P. A. Dragon in the advanced section, and Dr. Kotewall in the beginners' class, were consistent winners in the open competition as well as the members' competition. Mr. E. A. von Kobza, Mrs. M. O. Pfister and Mr. K. W. Khoo acted as judges in selecting the prize winners.

The exhibition is well worth a visit by those interested in pictorial art. It will be continued until Saturday at 5 p.m., when the prizes will be distributed.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., is the President of the Club, while the other officers are Mr. Choong Yow (Chairman), Mr. Ling Ka Dieh (Hon. Secretary), Mr. Goh Tiel Wah (Hon. Treasurer) and a Committee comprising Messrs. Khoo Keng Wah, Ekoo Fun Yung, F. S. Fernando and V. Enok.

Open Competition.

The following were the prize winners in the open competition:—with the titles of the pictures preceding the names:—

Landscape (Advanced Class):—(1). Back Street in Rouen, Fred P. Peel; (2). Icy Shore, L. H. Longwell; (3). Early Morning, Edmund B. Lucas.

Landscape (Beginners' Class):—(1). Bench Curves, Kwok Kung Kan; (2). Reflections, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.; (3). The Boatman, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.

Portrait (Advanced Class):—(1). Melchior, J. N. Unwalla, F.R.S.A., A.R.P.S.; (2). "A soft and pensive grace A east of thought upon her face," J. N. Unwalla, F.R.S.A., A.R.P.S.; (3). Peeping Tom, P. A. Dragon.

Portrait (Beginners' Class):—(1). Companions in Adversity, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.; (2). Cyril, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.; (3). Portrait, Chan Koon Pak.

Genre (Advanced Class):—(1). Kiss Divine, J. N. Unwalla, F.R.S.A., A.R.P.S.; (2). Children's Corner, Chow Cheng Lam, B.A.; (3). Solo Moderne, Dr. Max Thorck, F.R.P.S.

Genre (Beginners' Class):—(1). Little Mother, H. C. Goh; (2). The Trio, Tui Gan Tin; (3). Gathering Firewood, Chan Koon Pak.

Still Life (Advanced Class):—(1). Still Life, C. W. Clarke; (2). Twine, C. W. Clarke; (3). Spec, Edouard C. Kopp.

Still Life (Beginners' Class):—(1). Stewes, Mm. Choong Yin Weng; (2). Flower Study, Mm. Choong Yin Weng.

Members' Competition.

The following were the titles of the winning pictures and the exhibitors in the competition for members of the Hong Kong University Amateur Photographic Club:—

Landscape (Advanced Class):—(1). The Twilight Deepens, P. A. Dragon; (2). The Storm Approaches, P. A. Dragon.

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U.S. BLUEBEARD
TO DIE.

EMOTIONAL DEFENCE.

Clarkburg (W. Va.), U.S.A.—Harry Powers, the so-called "American Bluebeard," has been sentenced to death for the murder of Mrs. Dorothy Lemke, one of the women whom he was alleged to have met through a matrimonial agency and lured to her death in a mysterious cellar under the garage of his house.

The verdict of the jury was given after an impassioned plea by Powers' silver-haired counsel. With tears streaming down his cheeks, he implored the jury to spare his client and only to give him life imprisonment, but not the death penalty.

In strange contrast to the emotion of his counsel, Powers himself, for whose life the lawyer was fighting, remained calm and unmoved, chewing gum, and unconcernedly watching his counsel's tears. He had remained equally unperturbed while the assistant prosecutor, in a vehement outburst, strode up and down the stage of the Opera House, where the trial has been taking place, shaking his finger in Powers' face.

The Opera House, which seemed a fitting scene for the melodrama, was crowded to the doors. Ever seat, from orchestra stalls, the gallery, was occupied by fascinated spectators, who listened, enthralled to the grim drama unfolded before them. Coughing and dabbing their handkerchiefs to their eyes, they watched this real-life Grand Guignolesque tragedy, while even the jurors shifted uneasily in their seats.

The jury discussed their verdict for an hour and fifty minutes, and on their return announced that they found the accused guilty of murder in the first degree. As they did not bring in any recommendation for mercy, Powers, in accordance with the laws of the State, will go to the scaffold. Powers showed little emotion on hearing his fate.

LESSON SERMON.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,
SCIENTIST, HONG KONG.

"God" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ Scientist, on Sunday, January 3.

The Golden Text was—"Ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else; and my people shall never be ashamed." (Joel 2; 27).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible—"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." (Psalm 103; 2, 3).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy—"If God is admitted to be the only Mind and Life, there ceases to be any opportunity for sin and death. When we learn in Science how to be perfect even as our Father in heaven is perfect, thought is turned into new and healthy channels,—towards the contemplation of things immortal and away from materiality to the Principle of the universe, including harmonious man." (p. 276).

Landscape (Beginners' Class):—(1). Reflections, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.; (2). The Boatman, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.

Portrait (Advanced Class):—(1). Peeping Tom, P. A. Dragon; (2). Joseph Ah Fatt, No. 2, Chow Cheng Lam, B.A.; (3). Joseph Ah Fatt, No. 1, Chow Cheng Lam, B.A.

Portrait (Beginners' Class):—(1). Companions in Adversity, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.; (2). Cyril, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.

Genre (Advanced Class):—(1). Children's Corner, Chow Cheng Lam, B.A.; (2). A Worker at Stone, Chow Cheng Lam, B.A.; (3). At Play, Chow Cheng Lam, B.A.

Genre (Beginners' Class):—(1). Little Mother, H. C. Goh; (2). Still Life (Advanced Class):—The Tryet, P. A. Dragon.

MURDERER'S PLEA
OF GUILTY.

COUNSEL'S ADVICE
REJECTED.

NO EVIDENCE BEFORE DEATH
SENTENCE.

A young man surprised the judge and counsel at Manchester Assizes in insisting on pleading guilty to a charge of murder, and he was sentenced to death without any of the facts being stated.

Solomon Stein, 21, waterproof machinist, Charlotte-street, High-town, Manchester, was indicted for the wilful murder of Annie Riley, 20, a single woman, of Camp-street, Deansgate, in a Manchester hotel.

When the clerk of assize asked Stein to plead, he replied, "Guilty." Mr. Neville J. Laski, K.C., who, with Mr. B. S. Wingate-Saul, had been briefed for the defence, rose and said, "Not Guilty."

Stein, I say guilty.

Mr. Justice Finlay: Have you considered that, Mr. Laski?

Mr. Laski: It is news to me, my lord.

The Judge: You had better consider it and consult the prisoner. I will, of course, allow it to be withdrawn if you desire.

The Court adjourned to allow Mr. Laski to talk to the man. When the judge returned, Mr. Laski said that he and the solicitor had used their best endeavours to explain to Stein the significance of the plea he had entered, and had urged him to enter a plea of not guilty.

He adheres to his intent," Mr. Laski added. "No appeals or observations on my part are likely to have the least effect on him. I am reluctantly compelled to make that intimation."

Dr. S. S. H. Shannon, medical officer at Manchester Prison, was called by prosecuting counsel, and stated that Stein had been under his observation since October 6. His general conversation and conduct were quite rational, and there was no indication of mental disease.

Stein was fit to plead.

Mr. Laski submitted that Stein might be sane at present and insane at the time of the offence.

Mr. Justice Finlay said that in the absence of any evidence upon the depositions which would suggest insanity, and of any evidence given in that court of insanity, he was bound to rule that the submission did not afford grounds for rejecting the plea if he was satisfied that Stein understood what it was and adhered to it.

Prisoner Determined.

In reply to the clerk, Stein said he adhered to his plea of guilty.

Mr. T. Eastham, K.C. (for the Crown) said that in view of the plea, which had been entered, he did not think he need state the facts of the case.

Stein was asked by the clerk whether he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon him. He replied, "No, sir."

Mr. Justice Finlay assumed the black cap and passed sentence of death.

Pleas of guilty to charges of murder are uncommon in England, the last case being in February, 1929.

One of the most interesting cases of recent years in which a sentence of death has been carried out following a plea of guilty was that of Joseph Clarke, 21, for the murder of Mrs. Alice Fontaine, a Liverpool widow.

Curiously enough, Mr. Justice Finlay was the judge—as in the case at Manchester Assizes—and on that occasion also he solemnly warned the prisoner that only one sentence could follow his plea.

There was also an acceptance of a plea of guilty in the case of James Frederick Stratton, charged at the Old Bailey several years ago with murdering his sweetheart. The trial lasted six minutes.

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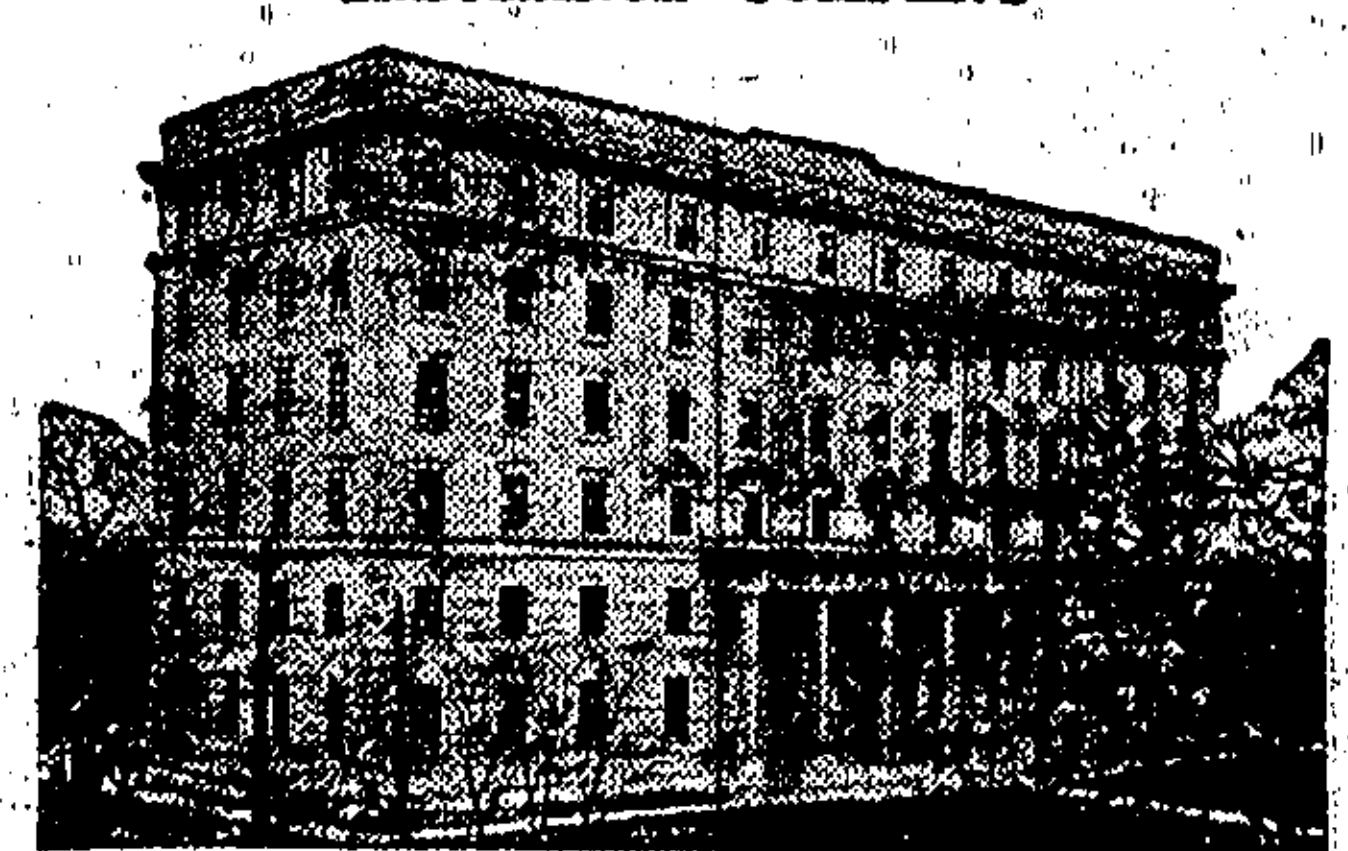
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MUSICAL NOTES.

THE PASSING OF THE THEATRE ROYAL—WHAT WILL TAKE ITS PLACE?—LOCAL MUSICAL EVENTS.

The greatest news of the week in the local musical world is the announcement that the Theatre Royal and City Hall have been condemned as unsafe and are to be closed forthwith.

For the benefit of those overseas readers who, not knowing Hongkong, think our City Hall is probably as imposing as the Stoll Picture House in Kingsway or the railway station at Kuala Lumpur, I must enter into a short description of Hongkong's venerable relic. Built, apparently in the days of Queen Anne, and resembling externally a cross between a prison and a disused French chateau, this ramshackle building has served successive generations as a theatre, museum and public library, and as such has become a standing disgrace to the Colony.

Hindered by lack of funds, the trustees have done little for it beyond postponing the inevitable day of disintegration, though in the past five years they have gone so far as to put in some long-overdue conveniences and to purchase a set of curtains as a concert background. The whole place is old and dirty. The dressing rooms are hopelessly inadequate for productions involving a big cast. The seats are uncomfortable. It is impossible to get refreshments of any kind during an interval. In winter the theatre is so cold that the audience sometimes sit in their overcoats; and in summer it is so sweltering that very few people will go there at all. Further, in hot weather the windows have to be opened, admitting noises from tinkling tram cars and hooting motor horns, which ruin any concert or play that is taking place. Artists visiting us say that it has more drawbacks than any other theatre they have encountered in the East. Attached to the theatre are three halls of varying sizes in which it is impossible to give satisfactory concerts owing to street noise. There is also a wing used by the Y.M.C.A., and a so-called museum and library, resembling a disused store-room, which scarcely anyone in Hongkong dreams of entering.

The few people I have spoken to on the subject of the closure have positively chortled with glee. In spite of the inconvenience caused temporarily, this will ultimately be of benefit to the community. There has been an agitation for a new City Hall for years, but so long as it could be shelved, the Government ignored all appeals. Now they can no longer beg the question. We are without a theatre or concert hall of any kind (with the exception of the Lee Theatre near Causeway Bay). If any musician or dancer, or any travelling company, wishes to visit Hongkong, they can give no performance unless they book up a cinema, which is such an expensive proposition in a central locality that the artist must be a Heifetz or a Galli-Curci to make it profitable. (I understand Teresa did not perform here because of some hitch over the overhead costs.) As for the Amateur Dramatic Club and the Philharmonic Society, it is difficult to see how they can give any more shows at all. Further, the Y.M.C.A. have got to quit, and the museum and library will apparently have to close their doors.

I trust that the Government will not imagine that the problem can be solved by simply granting a sum of money to be spent on renovation. The drawbacks of the theatre are far too many to be overcome by new pillars and beams, or even the installation of heating and cooling apparatus. The whole place must be scrapped. And the Government, for the sake of the good name of the Colony and in deference to what will prove to be a compelling public opinion, will have to face the problem of supplying us with a new theatre and City Hall. Where could it be built? There appear to be three alternatives. (Continued on next column.)

EPIDEMIC DYING OUT.

BUT PRECAUTIONS MUST BE MAINTAINED.

NUMBER OF CARRIERS STILL ABOUT.

The diphtheria epidemic is definitely on the down grade, but there are bound to be a "certain number of carriers of the disease still in circulation, and the precautions which have been advised should therefore not yet be relaxed. This statement was made to a Daily Press representative yesterday evening by Dr. G. W. Pope, M.O.H.

Three Holiday Cases.

Three European and two Chinese cases were officially notified yesterday, but the majority of these, according to Dr. Pope, may be considered to have occurred during the holidays, when immediate notification of fresh cases was not made. So far there has been but one European fatality, that of a German child which died on Christmas day; all the cases now under treatment are progressing favourably.

Firstly, it could be erected on the present site, but the building would have to be fairly sound-proof, and must be fitted with apparatus capable of cooling and ventilating the theatre without windows having to be opened.

Secondly, it could be erected on land at present owned by the military. We all know that the War Office are supposed to be negotiating for the rendition of the present sites in the heart of the City, in exchange for land in Kowloon. Judging by the present rate of progress, it seems as if negotiations will still be proceeding when we are all under the sea, so that it would be well not to put too much faith in this as a happy solution.

As for the third alternative, there are rumours that a new Government House may be erected in a different locality, and presumably the present antiquated building will be demolished. We could erect a new municipal building on that site, including Government offices, museum, library and theatre. Well, why not? If the suggestion does not appeal to you, all I can say is: If you know of a better one, speak up!

As regards Scheme No. 1, there is a suggestion that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank may wish to acquire this site for an extension of their premises, in which case I respectfully submit to the directors that they will have so much space that a theatre could be erected in one wing of it. The Government would of course have to see that they made it worth while for the Bank to do this. It would have to be arranged that theatre queues did not line up outside the Chief Manager's door, or get into the Mess by mistake! But the Bank too would have its compensations. The refreshment bar might be kept open perpetually for the benefit of its staff, and the auditorium would prove an excellent rendezvous for the annual meeting of shareholders.

LOCAL EVENTS.

Miss Luba Pecker is giving her deferred piano recital at the Helena May Institute on January 7 at 8.30 p.m. Now that Mr. Ore has left us, Miss Pecker is the only professional solo pianist in the Colony, and yet, in spite of having been heard many times on the wireless, this is the first time she has given us a public recital. She is confining her programme to works by Chopin and Liszt.

The outstanding musical event during the holidays was the performance of a part of "The Messiah" at the Union Church on Dec. 27th. It was acclaimed with enthusiasm not only by those who attended the Church but also by the even greater number who heard it on the wireless, and I hope its success will encourage the conductor and organist, Mr. Longyear, to work up another oratorio for next Christmas. I should like to see our Philharmonic Society doing more on these lines. Except for the Easter service at the Cathedral, they have not done anything but musical comedies for several years. In limiting the scope of their activities as they have done, they are straying from their original object. "Philharmonic" means "loving music."

JAPANESE BOYCOTT IN HAINAN.

GERMAN RAZORS SAVED FROM STUDENT LOOTERS.

WEIRD STORY OF "RED" ACTIVITIES: DEFENDERS "COOKED" TO DEATH.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Kachek, December 28. The anti-Japanese agitation in this region has not taken a violent form, but is nevertheless real. The headquarters of the Anti-Japanese Society, on the main street near the entrance to the market, are conspicuously labelled. Early in the boycott the merchants had sales of Japanese goods and disposed of all they could. Recently when we desired to buy flannel for use in the hospital we were unable to purchase it—"Japanese goods." Search for opaque glass paper weights and hanging China flower holders met with the same response. If any Japanese goods are still in stock they are kept hidden. In one large store the clerks asked us from what country certain razors had come. They seemed to be of German make, and the clerks heaved a sigh of relief, and said that they had with the greatest difficulty kept students from confiscating the razors as Japanese goods. Government school students have had vacation days to raise money for the "war against Japan."

A letter recently received from Ipoh, Perak, told of a much more profitable form of agitation. The boys in the Anglo-Chinese school there were wearing black arm bands as a sign of mourning for Japanese occupation of Manchuria. The Government forbade the wearing of such bands in Government or Government-aided schools. So it was suggested that the more patriotic thing would be to raise money for flood relief. Out of their spending money and from the proceeds of a play they gave the boys raised \$1,200.00, which was wired to the Union Hospital, Hankow. Students in schools in China proper might well emulate the plan.

Flood Relief Fund.

Early in December a committee from the Kachek Church, composed of the native pastor, the principal of the boys' school and the head medical assistant in the hospital, canvassed Kachek market and the Loh-hoe district city in the interest of flood relief. They collected about \$350, which was forwarded to the National Christian Council, Shanghai. Although this is a small sum in comparison with those raised in other places, it marks a distinct increase over the sum raised for famine relief in 1920-1921. There is not the ignorance of conditions in other places that there was formerly, so much good is resulting from the rapid increase of newspapers—but interest in flood relief is overshadowed by attention to the Manchurian crisis.

A shift in district magistrates has recently occurred. The magistrate of Vang-neng district, not a native Hainanese, was assigned to Kam-un. Kam-un is the most deserted and barren district of all Hainan, on the west coast. The magistrate refused the appointment and departed from Hainan. Mr. Ho, a local man, and formerly magistrate of Kachek region (Khangdong district) was transferred to Vang-neng. Mr. Ho has been active against the "Reds" but was disliked by some because he had urged that money held for a library be used in the campaigns, so his transfer was not protested. The former magistrate of Vun-sio, a Mr. Au, took office in this district on December 21.

"Red" Activities.

"Red" activities continue in the villages. A weird tale comes of an attack on a small market to the south. A watch tower had been built, with a concrete roof on which watchers could stand. Two big jars of water were kept there to be used in case an attempt should be made to burn the tower. Such an attempt was made and the tower did not collapse the heat was so intense that the water jars broke and the men were literally cooked to death by the scalding steam when the water touched the hot concrete floor. One man who had soaked his cotton mattress in water wrapped himself in that and survived.

Rice planting is very nearly finished and the prospects are fairly good as there has been sufficient moisture in the fields to date. Many fields are being left unplanted in the villages where "Reds" are active, and that itself will mean increased prices later on unless the fields that are in use yield bumper crops.

A Motor Accident.

An unusual event occurred here early on Christmas morning—a motor accident. A car loaded with bags of rice and carrying a few rice merchants also was coming to market. The chauffeur was inexperienced and stalled his engine on the rather steep approach to the old bridge. Apparently as the car started to back down he turned the wheel and ran square off the side of the approach. The car stood straight on end, the front wheels projecting a few feet above the roadbed. Three men were injured, one perhaps seriously, by being crushed by the shifting bags of rice; the others in the car escaped with minor hurts. Assistants from the mission hospital were called to the scene, but then forbidden to touch the men until the driver of the car (who is also the owner) could be forced to assume the responsibility. This he eventually did and took the men to the market police station, where their injuries were noted. He then arranged with a native shop for medicine for them. He, the driver, is to pay all costs of medical treatment, and damages in case of death. The accident was certainly due to the inexperience or carelessness of the driver, and possibly faulty brakes, as the approach though not railed, is wide enough for a car to back down, if necessary, in perfect safety. The approaches to the new bridge are now finished and traffic is crossing there more and more although the new stretch of road is still very rough.

"NOT GUILTY."

BANK MANAGER WHO SHOT AIRMAN BANDIT.

Mr. F. W. T. Youngs, formerly a London bank clerk, and now manager of the Remuera branch of the Bank of New Zealand, has been found Not Guilty on a charge of manslaughter for shooting Oswald Lawrence Coult on November 24. He was discharged.

The charge was the sequel to a "hold-up" when Mr. Youngs shot dead a man who attacked him at the Remuera bank. Mr. Youngs said that he was alone in the bank when the man entered. He presented a letter and as Mr. Youngs was reading it he was struck on the head with a heavy object, and at the same time dust was thrown in his eyes. He added:—

"I staggered back half stunned and blinded, and my assailant ran and closed the street door. He then returned, apparently with the idea of rushing me, when I aimed my revolver at him. He crouched down on the floor, and when he made a move towards me I fired and wounded him."

Australian Airman.

The man rushed out into the street and collapsed on the footpath, later dying. He was discovered to be a 24-year-old Australian airman, who once cherished hopes of beating the Australia-England flight record.

Mr. Youngs, who is 32, was born in Hackney and afterwards lived at Goodmayes, Essex, with his family. His father and a cousin still live there. He has a wife and three children and chose to go to New Zealand because of his wife's health.

A relative, Mr. Sydney Youngs, who also lives at Goodmayes, when informed of the acquittal, said:—"It was inevitable because he was only doing his duty. His father, who is over 70, will be overjoyed at the news."

Mr. Frederick W. Youngs, the father, said:—"It was his own life or the other man's. There was no alternative."

HONG KONG STOCK MARKET.

YESTERDAY'S OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

The resumption of business after the holidays was somewhat quiet at the morning session, but rates seemed to hold their own.

Sales.

Banks, \$1,475.
Unions, \$418.
Ewos, Tls. 10.20.

Buyers.

Wharves, \$153.
Hotels (old), \$15.20.
China Estates, \$25.
Hong Kong Electric, \$78.
Cements (old), \$12.
Watsons, \$16.85.
Constructions (new), \$1.85.
Providents (old), \$5.
Providents (new), \$2.40.
Trams, \$23.
Singapore Tractions, 3/4.
Agriculturals, \$10.20.
Powells, \$3.35.

Sellers.

Rauhs, \$39.
Entertainments (old), \$18.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In the course of the day a steady demand prevailed for a number of stocks in the list, notably Trams, Wharves and Hong Kong Electric, which were both dealt in and marked up.

Sales.

Wharves, \$153.
Hong Kong Electric, \$78.1/2, \$78.1/2 and \$78.1/2.
Trams, \$23.40.

Buyers.

Hong Kong Electric, \$78.

HONG KONG POLICE RESERVE.

(ORDERS BY THE HON. MR. E. D. G. WOLFE, C.M.G., I.C.S.)

Chinese Company.

Strength.—Constable R38 Tso Huk On has been taken on the strength of the Chinese Company, as from January 4, 1932.

New Territories Agricultural Show—1932.—Members of the Chinese Company detailed for duty at the Agricultural Show on Saturday and Sunday, January 6th and 10th, 1932 will report on both days as follows:—First Shift men will draw arms, caps (if required) and railway ticket at the Central Police Station at 9.15 a.m. sharp, and will board the 10.15 a.m. train at Kowloon returning from Sheung Shui by the 2.42 p.m. train. Second Shift men will draw arms, caps (if required) and railway ticket at the Central Police Station at 12.30 p.m. sharp, and will board the 1.18 p.m. train at Kowloon, returning from Sheung Shui by the 6.17 p.m. train. Dress—Blue uniform, cap with white cover, belt (without frog) whistle and truncheon. All those in possession of badge shall carry same, as arms will only be issued to trained men. Tiffin and tea for the first and second shift men respectively will be provided at Sheung Shui.

Training Course—Part II.—All recruits will attend at the Chinese Company's Headquarters, to-day at 5.30 p.m. for instruction.

Training Course—Part I.—All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend Central Police Station for Squad Drill on Thursday, at 5.30 p.m.

N. C. O. Class.—All N. C. O. will attend the Chinese Company's Headquarters on Friday, at 4.00 p.m. for instruction under Mr. Paterson, P.P.T.S.

Indian Company. Training Course—Part II.—All members who have not passed Part II of Training Course should attend at the Chinese Company's Headquarters, 17, Queen's Road Central on Thursday.

Tying Squad. Company Dinner.—The Dinner will be held at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant to-morrow at 8.30 p.m. Dress—Blue uniform, and cap with white cover. Sharpshooters Company. Company Drill.—The monthly Company Drill will be carried out on Friday, at 5.15 p.m. Members will fall in at that hour outside Queen's Pier. Dress—Blue uniform, cap with white cover, belt, holster, revolver and truncheon. All members must attend. (Sgd.) D. L. KING, D.S.P. (R.).



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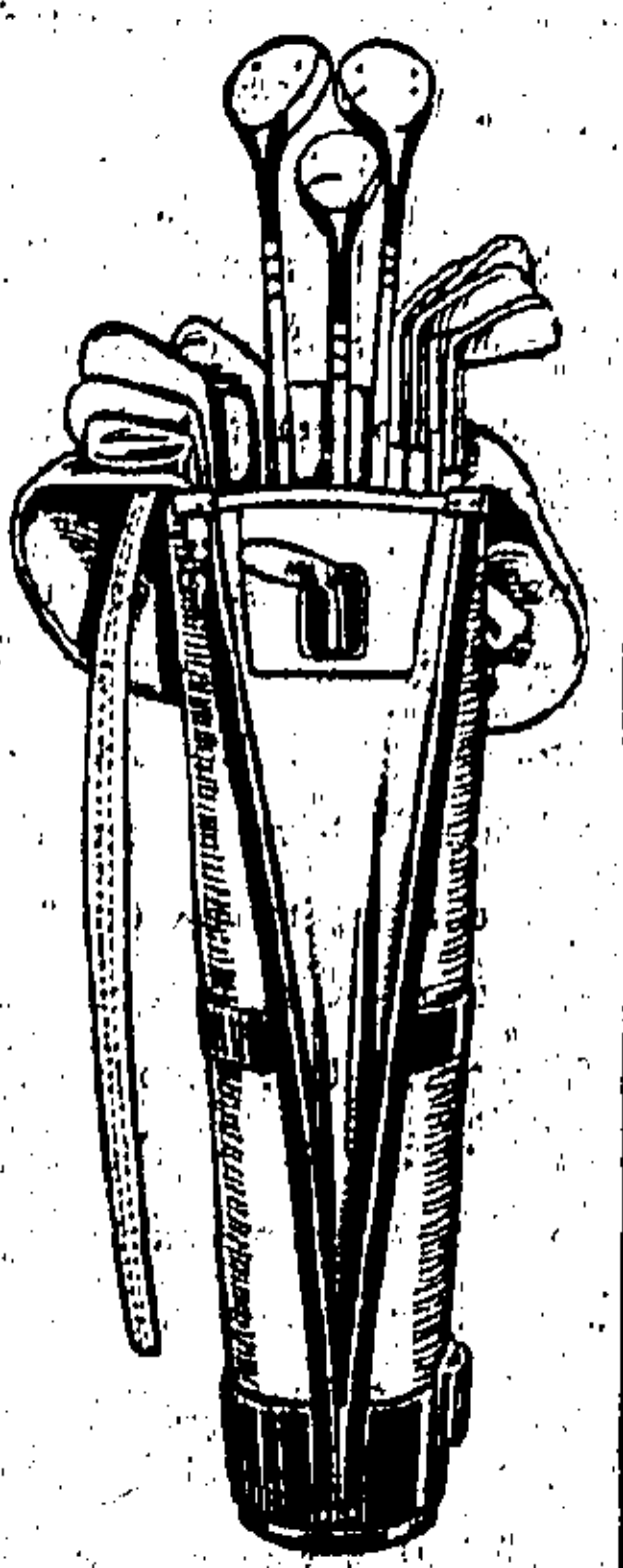
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[1932]

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In accordance with the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1931, dated 31st October, 1931, Income Tax must be deducted from the interest payable on Kailan Bonds for the year 1931 at the rate of 5% in the £. Inasmuch as Income Tax at the rate of only 4% in the £ was deducted from the six months interest payable on the 1st July, 1931, it will be necessary to deduct 5% in the £ from the six months' interest payable on the 1st January, 1932.

By Order,

THE KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION,

E. J. NATHAN, General Manager. [1932]

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING CO., LIMITED.

PAYMENT OF FINAL DIVIDEND ON SHARES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1931.

THE Company having declared a FINAL DIVIDEND of 2 1/2% (two and one half per cent.), Free of Income Tax, for the year ending 30th June, 1931, holders of Bearer Shares and holders of Dividend Warrants received from London on account of Registered Shares, will be paid their Dividend on presentation of No. 39 Coupon of the Bearer Shares and Dividend Warrants on Registered Shares to any one of the following Banks:

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E. J. NATHAN, General Manager,

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THE RIDDLE FOR THE STATESMAN.

The renewal of the civil disobedience campaign in India raises the problem as to how far a resolute government can impose its will against popular resistance. How can the strength of the opposing forces be measured? Owing to recent developments in Europe it has become customary for writers and politicians to say that "the will of the people always prevails" and "that nationalism has the quality of immortality." That is, of course, quite untrue. History is the record of conquest; of the rise and fall, and extinction of many nations. Even in lands like Greece, Egypt and Palestine where a national culture prevailed for centuries, in the end it was uprooted and destroyed by military conquest and foreign invaders. In modern times, however, nationalism and political sense have far greater strength than in the ancient world. Men and women in many lands are now prepared to make unlimited sacrifice either in resisting foreign domination or what they consider misrule by their own Government. The extent to which the average citizen takes so active an interest in public and state affairs depends largely on education, and on how far the Government, either through the franchise, or by the methods of which Mussolini is a master has gripped popular imagination. "Man is a political animal," wrote the ancient philosopher Aristotle and this was a new discovery in his time. But to Aristotle the ideal state was a small city and a strip of territory sufficient to support it. The ancient Greek state was less in size than the New Territories. The philosopher knew all about great empires like Persia and immense cities like Babylon. He disapproved of them because individuality was swamped, and

the ruling being done by a governmental machine, with an autocrat at the head; the ordinary citizen had no outlet for the political instinct which formed a large part of the Greek character. When foreign conquerors invaded these big states they easily seized control of the Government and the common people did not care. Persians might rule in Mesopotamia, and Greeks in Egypt. The people were indifferent and the Government in its aloofness was corrupt or inefficient according to the character of the monarch. But where people are educated and there is a tradition of nationality it is very difficult either to impose a foreign rule or for the native government to seriously misbehave.

But how do these principles apply to uneducated and backward lands? All through history there has been the curious phenomenon of national uprising. Even among docile and illiterate people. They will stand much from their rulers but there is a point when they rebel. Generally such an outbreak is inspired by an individual and dies with him, though in some cases one person has changed the course of history. BOADICCA and her ancient Britons gained only a momentary success over the Romans, and the land was soon reconquered. But centuries later, when the idea of nationality had gained strength, Joan of Arc, once she had roused the people of France and shamed the war lords of her country into union against the invader, not only won a campaign but created a new spirit in France. Once men "know what they fight for, and love what they know," as OLIVER CROMWELL put it, nationalism takes on new strength. We all know the toughness that nationalism has attained in the West. From Ireland to the Balkans the principle is proclaimed, and no European state regards territory with an alien and hostile population as a source of political strength. But what of the East where the system of large countries ruled despotically prevailed until the last twenty years? Is the illiterate peasant and craftsman of the Orient now capable either of sustained and steady opposition to the governing power, or of a loyal response to the demand for a national leader for direct and personal sacrifice? Turkey and Persia under KEMAL PASHA and the ex-penitent Shah have given a fair answer in the Near East. Iraq and Egypt are nations in name, but Egyptian Nationalism is not of a kind to excite much admiration. The country is too rich and sophisticated for its politics to be free from old ramifications. The Siamese have a real loyalty to their country and their Royal House. To write of Japanese loyalty and patriotism would be superfluous. Education and industrialisation have given the country a strength which first found expression in the war with Russia. Of the struggle between forces of union and disruption in China and in India libraries of books have been written. No one can foresee what will be the upshot of the present turmoil in those two lands. The world wants peace, and the charge that Britain maintains dominion in India by playing off one faction against the other is as untrue as the oft-repeated assertion that foreigners are promoting disorder in China.

Nationalism does not mean standing alone. Nationalism is as strong in Scotland today as in the time of ROBERT BRUCE, and the Dominions are closer to the Mother Country now than in the days before they had developed their own nationalism. In China and India the trouble is that there is too much nationalism for peace and not nearly enough for unity and prosperity. It is the resultant stress and disunion that makes the task of government superlatively difficult.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

THE abandonment of the gold standard by Great Britain, and the increased purchasing power thereby given to foreign buyers of British goods, adds a new importance to the forthcoming British Industries Fair. This Fair had already become an event of considerable importance, but next year the range of its usefulness will be wider than ever. The Fair will be held in London and Birmingham in February next, and this will be the 18th anniversary of its existence.

Great progress is made from year to year, not only in the displays of goods, but in the facilities and comforts provided for the foreign buyers. Many shipping companies and railways have reduced their fares for visitors and a free view, available for three months, is now obtainable. For the benefit of the overseas buyer there is a complete catalogue with an index in nine languages. At the Fair itself reception and catering arrangements have steadily improved. In the London section there is a comfortable club for the overseas buyer. Interpreters are provided and there is a special cable and wireless office from which messages can be sent to every part of the world. There is to be held next year the greatest exhibition of textiles the world has ever seen. The most successful cotton section of the 1931 Fair has been developed and expanded into a combined textile section which embraces every branch of the industries. Here will be employed all the arts of display and advertising, including an elaborate mannequin stage, to interest prospective buyers.

900 Girl Typists for one Post.

Nine hundred London women typists applied for a post in the City recently. One of the unsuccessful 899 complained that many single girls are unemployed because married women willing to accept positions at any salary have taken their places. The chief sufferers from this economy wave, she states, are the most capable and highly-paid girls.

3,000 Film Pictures a Second.

A new cinema camera, capable of taking 3,000 pictures a second, and covering about one-third of a mile of film in three minutes, has been demonstrated before the College of France by its inventor, Professor Magnan. By means of the camera the movements, "slowed up" of the wings of a dragon fly in flight can be studied in detail on a screen. Students saw a blue-bottle in flight (its wings move up and down 200 times a second) and "slowed up" films of flying mosquitoes and butterflies.

Hear, Hear!

Ulema Inayatullah Khan, of Peshawar, has made a really brilliant suggestion for producing Home Rule for India under a Five Year Plan. It is that there should be complete and perfect silence imposed on politicians!

★ Local Notes and Events ★

The rainfall for last month was 4.83 inches, of which 3.34 inches fell on December 8. There were 23 days in the month on which there was no rain.

Passengers leaving by the P. & O. Rawalpindi included Mr. and Mrs. Russell Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bousfield, Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Shan, and the Rev. E. K. Quick.

The annual general meeting of St. Patrick's Society of Hong Kong will be held in the Hong Kong Hotel, Roof Garden, on Friday, January 8, at 5.15 p.m.

Miss Luba Pecker will give a pianoforte recital at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, January 7, at 5.30 p.m. Members wishing to reserve tables for tea, please telephone Matron 22160.—Adv.

Among the passengers arriving in the Colony by the P. & O. Chitral were the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, and Mrs. Wellington. They have taken up their residence at 160, The Peak.

The Rev. E. L. Allen, M.A., Ph.D., the newly appointed Pastor of the Union Church, Kowloon, is due to arrive on the s.s. Menelaus today. He is accompanied by Mrs. Allen and their child. A welcome social will be held in the Church Hall at 9 p.m. on Friday.

The meeting of the English Association which was to be held this afternoon, and at which Mrs. C. E. L. Grant was to have given a lecture on "Magazines," has been postponed to Tuesday, January 10, at 5.30 p.m., at the Helena May Institute.

Tale of the Day.

Employer: "Why hasn't this job been done? It's nearly a month since I told you to do it."

Office Boy: "I forgot, sir."

"Forgot! Forgot! Suppose I forgot to pay you. What would you say?"

"I should, tell you at once, sir, not wait a month and then kick up a fuss about it."

Doctoring by Wireless.

It is reported that valuable work is being done by broadcasting medical instructions by wireless to the sick and injured in the frozen North of Canada. The only apparent disadvantage of the system is that occasionally very medical details are picked up by non-medical listeners. One can imagine that it must upset one's appreciation of Beethoven to have the intimacies of the consulting-room breaking through the sonatas.

But this is nothing to what will happen when television comes. When the radio doctor says: "Say 'Ah,' listeners throughout Canada will run the risk of becoming unwilling spectators of an Eskimo's tongue."

Film Out.

There is much excitement over the cuts in the salaries of highly-paid film stars, some of them left with the paltry pittance of only a few thousand pounds a week. By the time their "overheads" and publicity expenses have been paid, these unfortunate people are left with the dread prospect of having to keep the wolf from the door with only a few hundreds.

Meanwhile it is interesting to see that there is no mention of any cuts in the emoluments of what some of our American contemporaries refer to as the "Movie Moguls"—the Olympian impresarios who fix the "stars" in their courses. But it is believed that the most highly-paid salaried executive only receives about £35,000 a year, and to cut a beggarly wage like that would savour too much of a vicious attack on the worker's standard of living.

Loud-Speakers in Aircraft.

Loud-speakers carried in aircraft may be tried in Iraq for giving warnings to unruly tribesmen. It has been decided not to use this method in India.

The warning will be given out in the tribesmen's own dialects. Experiments were undertaken at Brooklands Aerodrome some time ago, which showed that the words spoken from a loud-speaker in an aeroplane could be clearly heard on the ground.

The Wireless Gamble.

Mr. Justice Meredith envisaged the day when roulette will be carried on by wireless. Most people will be quite content without that. It is already sufficient of a gamble when on switches on one's set.

Bought by "Matchless."

Messrs. Matchless Cycle Company, Ltd., of Plumstead, recently bought the motor-cycle side of the "A. J. S." concern. The new motor-cycle will be manufactured at the Matchless works at Plumstead, but the machine will still be known as the "A. J. S."

Short Skirts Again.

Short-skirts will definitely return to fashion in spring, it is presently rumoured in fashion circles in Paris.

Mid-winter displays already reveal a tendency which serves to strengthen the rumour, for these show that for day wear the skirt should now cover a little less than half of the calf.

Two reasons are given for the return to the short skirt. The first is economy of material in these hard times, and the second that women with shapely legs are starting to rebel against the skirt which reaches to the ground.

Motorist's Penalty.

An American motorist, who was found guilty of driving while intoxicated, was sentenced to wear a ball and chain for fifteen days, and was assigned to cleaning the streets. Twenty-five minutes after the judge had passed sentence he had started work. But the law had defeated its own object. In making him clean the streets it provided him with the means of alleviating the penalty of the 25th ball. He just parked it in the street-cleaning cart and pushed it along, clanking his chain. For a more serious motoring offence, of course, he would have been chained to a 250lb. pedestrian.

Mother of Six as Stowaway.

Mrs. Ellen Trott, aged 31, mother of 6 children, was found stowed away on board the s.s. Anzies from Melbourne recently. She explained that her doctor had advised a sea trip as a cure for nerve trouble. Women police were summoned and took her off.

Advertisers!

The following are genuine specimens from various Home contemporary:

"Holiday help required for Cornwall Lizard, five children one husband."

"Nurse required re-engagement, the lady with whom she has lived for the last two years having now died."

"Lady wishes to meet with lady, who is willing to share her house, must have internal sanitation, hot water and gas."

Pay Up and Sing!

I never meet trouble halfway. Or fret about things of the past. If misfortune is coming my way, I am happy—because it can't last!

Sir Henry Coward, the composer and conductor, sang this ditty over the telephone from Sheffield to a reporter in London who rang him up to congratulate him on his 82nd birthday.

His mother, he said, sang it to him over 70 years ago, and he still hums it when things like income-tax demands turn up.

From the Files.

Looking Back 25 Years.

The third of the series of six monthly dances arranged by the Scottish Masonic Quadrangle Association took place in the City Hall last night, when the considerably augmented gathering of ladies and gentlemen enjoyed themselves at the shrine of Tarpsichore. The music was provided by the Calcutta String Band, and a lengthy programme was concluded after one o'clock. Again Messrs. G. Macdonald and J. Sibbet proved ideal M.C.s, and the other arrangements were adequate.

The following will represent the Club against H.M.S. Kent at hockey this afternoon on the Club ground at 4.45 p.m. Goal: L. Eforde, R.N.; Backs: L. Murphy (captain) and J. P. MacGillivray; Halves: T. O. Gray, A. B. Ogilvie, R.E., and C. P. Chatter; Forwards: P. P. J. Wodehouse, H. G. C. Bailey, R. F. O. Master, L. G. Bird, and G. J. Satterthwaite, R.E.—Hong Kong Daily Press, January 6, 1907.

Looking Back 50 Years.

H.M. gunboat Sheldrake, Lieut. Comdr. Bridger, returned here from Canton yesterday.

When it is desired to forward letters to the United States by a sailing ship which is not notified as carrying a mail, it is only necessary to post the letters in the (Continued on previous column.)

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NAVAL PROMOTION LIST.

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LT. COMDR. STEPHENS, OF PANDORA, to COMDR.

Among the latest list of Naval promotions, to take effect from the 31st of December, 1931, is the name of Lieutenant-Commander W. D. Stephens, Captain of H.M. Submarine Pandora. The Pandora, is, of course, one of the submarines now serving on the China Station. The full promotion list is given below:

Commanders to Captains (10). W. S. P. Macleod, M. Muirhead-Gould, C. M. Blackman, W. R. G. Fallofield, E. C. Denison, G. B. Crosswell, F. H. O. Dairymple-Hamilton, D. W. Boyd, R. W. Blacklock, H. T. C. Walker.

Lieutenant-Commanders to Commanders (25).

A. L. Poland, W. Y. La R. Beverly, W. H. D. Friedberger, T. J. Walker, J. H. Bowden, M. Farquhar, F. S. W. De Witton, A. H. D. Day, P. H. G. James, J. E. Sismore, P. W. Grosse, E. M. L. Robinson, G. D. Belben, E. C. B. Brooks, H. Drew, R. C. Bayne, E. N. Longdon, A. K. Shenn, G. M. B. Langley, P. R. A. W. Williams, P. W. D. Stephens, P. Hugh-Korne, P. F. Stevens-Guille, R. C. O'Connor, P. K. Enright.

Engineer-Commanders to Engineer Captains (4).

G. D. Campbell, K. G. A. Edwards, H. L. Harvey, B. E. Dunlop. Lieut.-Commanders to Engineer-Commanders (5).

W. H. Taylor-Young, R. G. W. Bett, E. Watson, W. S. Jameson, H. F. Fellows, Engr.-Lieut.-Commanders to Engr.-Commanders (4).

S. E. Herard, L. C. S. Noake, K. D. P. Hall-Patch, H. H. R. Brown.

Surg.-Commanders to Surg.-Captains (2).

G. F. Syms, S. Bradbury. Pay-Commander to Pay-Captain (1).

H. M. Boxer.

ROYAL MARINES.

Captain to be Bravet-Major (2).

G. R. W. Lawplough, S. J. East.

The following promotion had been announced by the Commonwealth Naval Board: Lieut.-Commander to Commander. H. L. Howden, R.A.N.

Mahatma Gandhi Arrested

Valla Bhai Patel Also In Gaol

"A HARDER FIGHT SEEMS IMMINENT":
GANDHI IN A PARTING MESSAGE

INDIAN GOVT. APPEALS TO AGRARIAN
INHABITANTS

SWEEPINGLY DRASTIC REPLY TO
INDIAN THREATS

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

New Delhi, Jan. 4.
A SWEEPINGLY drastic reply to threats of Indian civil disobedience is contained in four Ordinances promulgated by the Viceroy, under which the Central Government is given special powers to maintain law and order, including Press control; power to declare any association unlawful throughout British India, and an Ordinance declaring peaceful picketing an offence.

CONGRESS WORKING COM.
DECLARED UNLAWFUL

New Delhi, Jan. 4.
The Congress Working Committee has been declared unlawful. The declaration that the Congress Working Committee is unlawful was made under the new Ordinance promulgated this morning, enabling the Government to declare any assembly unlawful.

BOMBAY STUNNED.

Bombay, Jan. 4.
The dramatic suddenness of Gandhi's arrest stunned the city, with the immediate reaction that fourteen of the seventy-two mills have closed, while the bullion, grain and cotton exchanges closed as a protest.

A hotel is being observed in the Hindu quarters of the city, and processions and meetings are arranged for this afternoon.

Gandhi and Patel Arrive at
Yerwada Gaol.

Poona, Jan. 4.
After travelling by motor car for 120 miles, Gandhi and Patel, both feeling the cold intensely, arrived at Yerwada Gaol at 8.30 a.m. Their arrest had been so expeditious that not a single Congress member or member of the public saw the cars arrive.

Gandhi's vow of silence prevented speech but he gave his gaoler a broad smile of recognition, and once inside the gaol Mahatma turned unhesitatingly towards his old quarters, which had been hurriedly prepared for his reception.

Government Appeals to Villagers.
(Reuter's Special Service.)

Peshawar, Jan. 4.
The authorities are appealing to scattered villagers, literally over the heads of Congress agitators. Aeroplanes are dropping leaflets exhorting agrarian inhabitants not to be misled by politicians into pursuing useless agitation, and counselling them to continue their peaceful avocations in assurance that reforms will be carried out.

Gandhi writes in his vernacular weekly: "A fight seems imminent, it will be harder than previous ones. Endure its hardships cheerfully; suffer your fields, households and your cattle to be confiscated; go to gaol, bear lathi blows and welcome bullets."

Congress Committee Suspends
Itself.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Calcutta, Jan. 3.
A "War Council" triumvirate, with one of the lesser-known members as "Dictator," has been elected at an emergency meeting of the Provincial Congress Committee, which, it was decided, will in the meantime suspend itself.

The new body meets immediately to decide which "unmoral laws" will be broken first, also to initiate a boycott of British goods.

Gandhi's Eccentricities.

Bombay, Jan. 3.
Gandhi's eccentricities continue to surprise everybody. Just before he was due to go to Ahmedabad to-night the Mahatma changed his mind, to the consternation of the authorities who, it is reported, had prepared an elaborate plan to arrest him at midnight on a quiet stretch of the railway northward of Bombay. Gandhi re-

maining in the hope of more promising developments of the negotiations.

Before his departure on what he considered his "last ride for a long time" Gandhi ordered a selection of the "best English" lever watches, from which to choose two for the Scotland Yard detectives who acted as his body-guard on his visit to Europe.

Upon his Secretary remonstrating that Swiss timepieces would be more in accordance with the spirit of the anti-British boycott, the Mahatma retorted: "I promised the watches when the Delhi truce was still in force."

British watches were procured and inscribed: "With love: M. K. Gandhi."

Patel Arrested.

Valla Bhai Patel, President of the Congress, has been arrested. Gandhi and Patel have been taken in a motor car to the Yerwada Gaol, Poona, where Gandhi was imprisoned in 1930.

Gandhi was arrested at his Bombay residence at 3 a.m. under Regulation 25 of 1927. The warrant merely says he was arrested for "good and sufficient reasons."

The arrival of six Police, headed by Commissioner Wilson, caused a flutter. The occupants of the house tried to secure access to the tent where Gandhi was sleeping, but were prevented.

Gandhi was awakened and, as he was observing a day of silence, he merely smiled to the Commissioner who handed over the warrant, which Gandhi read and handed back.

A Touching Farewell.

All the Gandhi Ashramites participated in touching scenes of farewell. Most of the women wept bitterly. His wife was smothered in tears and begged the Commissioner to take her with her husband, but Gandhi appeared in the best of spirits, his face wreathed in smiles.

Before his removal Gandhi wrote to Patel, of whose arrest he was then unaware:

"Infinite is God's mercy. Please tell the people never to sever from the truth and non-violence and never to flinch to give their lives and all to win Swaraj."

Patel appointed Babu Rajendranath Prasad, a member of the Congress Executive, to succeed him as President of the Congress.

Before going to gaol Patel sent a message to the nation saying: "This occasion will be a fierce war to a finish, but I hope the nation will make the supreme sacrifice in the perfect spirit of non-violence."

London, Jan. 4.
It appears that the Ordinance under which Gandhi was arrested allows him to be kept under restraint during the Government's pleasure.

The Bengal Ordinances.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Jan. 4.
Commenting on Gandhi's arrest the Daily News says: "To read some of Gandhi's pronouncements one would suppose that the Bengal Ordinances were a malicious trick to outrage Indian opinion and trample upon Indian liberties. They are nothing of kind. They are an expedient to which government has been reluctantly, and after long patience, driven to protect the lives of its servants from persistent terrorist attacks. It may be true that some of the organisations conducting these attacks have nothing to do with Gandhi's organisation, and that Congress, as a body, has never formally approved assassination as a policy. But it is also true that the disapproval expressed by Congress of the murders have been extraordinarily lukewarm, and that Gandhi himself has pronounced since his return to India, no real uncompromising anathema on this wholly abominable business. There was in reality scarcely any other course left to the Government in view of Gandhi's attitude."

FRENCH FAR

EASTERN FLIGHT

CODOS AND ROBIDA TO
TAKE OFF TO-DAY

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Le Bourget, Jan. 4.
The French airmen, Codos and Robida who last September unsuccessfully attempted to fly to Tokyo from Paris, will take off on Jan. 5 from Marseilles on a flight to Rio de Janeiro and back.

COMMUNIST NEW YEAR PUTCH

GERMAN WORKERS REMAIN
LOYAL

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Cologne, Jan. 3.
Vigorous police measures, combined with the workers' lack of enthusiasm for a revolution, nipped in the bud what is believed to be an attempted Communist New Year putch in the Ruhr district, timed to coincide with the ten per cent wage cut.

Bands of Communists, in pouring rain, made desperate efforts to persuade workers to down tools. Only a few hundred workers responded, many of whom were promptly dismissed.

Agitators at Essen and elsewhere unsuccessfully tried to hold up the tramways and destroy telephones, while in several places bombs exploded harmlessly.

The police to-night declare that they have the situation well in hand.

AMERICA'S NAVAL PROGRAMME

120 NEW WARSHIPS
DURING NEXT TEN YEARS

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Washington, Jan. 3.
A Bill providing for a ten-year programme for the construction of 120 new warships, at a cost of \$616,250,000, will be introduced in the House of Representatives on Jan. 4.

It is announced by Mr. Vinson, Chairman of the House Naval Committee, that all the vessels, except two aircraft carriers, have been designed to replace over-age and obsolete ships.

Vinson's programme, which has been approved by the Navy Board, also provides for the completion of sixteen ships at present under construction at a cost of \$91,500,000, they include seven 8-inch gun vessels of 10,000 tons each.

M. BERTHELOT IN LONDON

INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS
PROBABLE

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Jan. 4.
M. Berthelot, the French Secretary general of the French Foreign Office, is in London on a short visit to the French Art Exhibition, which opens at the Royal Academy to-day.

It is anticipated that while in London he will have informal conversations with British Ministers regarding the current political problems.

FORBIDDEN TO JOIN FOREIGN LEGION.

BAN BY SWISS GOVERNMENT.

Berne, Dec. 22.—All Swiss citizens of military age are strictly forbidden to join the French Foreign Legion under the provisions of a new military penal code promulgated to-day. Any transgressors of this law, if they ever return home again, become subject to long prison terms in addition to what they had to go through in the Foreign Legion. As regards military service with other states than France, Swiss citizens must first obtain the permission of the federal authorities, before they may serve under other colours, either actively or in the capacity of advisers. Any infringement of this law is also liable to punishment of not less than twelve months imprisonment.

TEST CRICKET

GOOD RECOVERY BY
AUSTRALIA

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MELBOURNE, Jan. 4.
In Australia's second innings against S. Africa, the Woodfull-Bradman partnership produced 274 runs, thus beating the world's record second wicket partnership of 253 set up by Woodfull and Macartney in 1928.

Australia, 1st innings 189
S. Africa, 1st innings 308

Australia, 2nd Innings.
W. M. Woodfull, c Mitchell, 161
b McMillan 161
W. H. Ponsford, c Mitchell, 84
b Bell 84
D. G. Bradman, l.b.w., b Vincent 167
A. F. Kippax, c Cumow, b McMillan 67
S. J. McCabe, c Mitchell, b McMillan 71
K. Rigg, c Mitchell, b Vincent 1
W. A. Oldfield, l.b.w., b McMillan 0
F. L. S. Beckett, b Vincent 4
C. V. Grimmett, not out 16
T. M. Wall, b Vincent 12
H. Ironmonger, not out 0
Extras 21

Total (for 9 wkts.) 554

UNITED AUSTRALIA PARTY'S SUCCESS

DEFEAT OF LABOUR PARTY IN
LOCAL GOVT. ELECTIONS

(Reuter's Special Service.)

Sydney, Jan. 3.
The resounding successes of the United Australia Party at the recent Federal elections have been followed by the overwhelming defeat of the Left-Wing Labour candidates in the local government elections.

This is especially notable in the elections to the Councils of Sydney and adjacent shires.

Of 678 seats, the Left Wing Labourites, supporters of Mr. Lang, the Premier of New South Wales, secured only 61.

STOCKHOLM TO VIENNA BY MOTOR-BOAT

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Stockholm, Jan. 3.
The lone Odyssey of a plucky 20-year-old Swedish girl, Anna Cedebloom, from Stockholm to Vienna in an outboard twelve-horse-power motor boat, was related to-day.

The boat was compelled to keep a considerable distance from the Baltic coast, encountering rough water and often filled with waves, necessitating balling for her life.

Only between Dresden and Regensburg was the boat transported by rail owing to the dangerous currents in the Elbe.

The voyage lasted three weeks.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.55 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone is now central to the south of Shanghai, moving E.N.E. The typhoon appears to be in the vicinity of Pelew Island, moving westward. Local Forecast:—E. winds, moderate; fine.

WEDDING CANCELED AT 11TH HOUR.

JEWISH BREACH CASE.

A curious wedding bargain was alleged and denied in a breach of promise action in the King's Bench Division when £300 damages was awarded to Miss Rosa Kravitz, Bedford-street, Stepney.

Miss Kravitz said that three days before her wedding was to have taken place the defendant, Abraham Grunberg, of Albany-street, Regent's Park, called at her father's house and said: "Unless you pay me £40 there will be no wedding."

When the money was not forthcoming he broke off the engagement and the ceremony had to be cancelled and presents returned.

The father of Miss Kravitz gave evidence that before the wedding was arranged he agreed with Grunberg to "give him a nice home for a year." Grunberg would give him any money wedding presents he received. Grunberg had previously asked that £100 should be given him. Abraham Grunberg admitted that such an arrangement was discussed and maintained that Miss Kravitz broke off the engagement.

JAP. DESTROYERS FOR FOCHOW

SEQUEL TO BRUTAL MURDERS

THE OCCUPATION OF
CHINCHOW

"TIMES" COMMENT ON
JAPANESE ACTION

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 4.
In a leader on the occupation of Chinchow, the Times says that the attitude of the League of Nations towards the new situation must obviously depend on the primary action of the Japanese Government.

The absence of any effective responsible government in China, today is the best defence of Japanese action.

The cause of all the recent disputes between China and other Powers has been the shiftness of Chinese diplomacy and, still more, the weakness of Chinese administration, but it is yet to be proved that Chinese local sentiment will admit the virtual severance of Manchuria from the rest of China, however attractive may be the prospects of restored currency and efficient administration, nor is it certain that an army is the best interpreter of Japanese policy to a people who have remarkable powers of passive resistance.

IMMEDIATE CONVOCATION OF COUNCIL?

PARIS, Jan. 4.

Mr. Hoo's departure to Geneva to-day is regarded as significant of a possible Chinese demand for an immediate convocation of the Council as a result of the Chinchow occupation. The possibility of such a request has always been entertained by Chinese in League circles.

Mr. Hoo is remaining at Geneva until the Council meeting on Jan. 35, unless a special meeting is convened at Paris earlier.

NO BRITISH TROOPS FOR CHINCHOW

LONDON, Jan. 4.

Reuter learns that there is no truth in the statement that British troops have been ordered to Chinchow.

Lord Lytton has not yet replied to the invitation to be Chairman of the League Manchurian Commission.

MISSIONARY RELEASED

WELL TREATED BY BANDITS
DURING CAPTIVITY

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Fochow, Jan. 4.
Miss Halverstadt has been released and arrived here last night in good health. She was well treated by the bandits.

A Fochow report of December 26 stated: Christmas spent in the hands of bandits was the unhappy fate which befel Miss Harriet Halverstadt, of the Methodist Episcopal Mission at Haitang, Fukien. While travelling as a passenger on a launch near the Pagoda anchorage on Thursday afternoon she and ten Chinese were captured by brigands, and all efforts to obtain her release hitherto have proved unsuccessful.

RUSSIA—A "DEATH SENTENCE."

REFUSAL TO RECOMMEND
DEPORTATION.

When Abraham Przedecky, aged 26, a Russian, was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment in the second division at the Old Bailey for bigamy, prosecuting counsel asked that he should be recommended for deportation.

The Recorder (Sir Ernest Wild, K.C.) said: It is idle to talk of deporting a man who has been here since he was five years old, to a country governed as Russia is being governed. I don't want to sentence a man to death.

It was stated that Przedecky married a young woman at Hammer-smith, W. They never lived together, and a few months afterwards he went through a marriage ceremony with another woman at Kensington, W.

DASTARDLY CRIME
AT FOCHOW

JAPANESE TEACHER AND
HIS WIFE MURDERED

Two Naval Officers
Wounded

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Fochow, Jan. 4.

The Commander and an officer of a Japanese cruiser, stationed here, were assaulted in West Park. Both were wounded.

A Japanese teacher and his wife were murdered last night outside the Japanese club by unknown persons, presumably Communists.

A HUNDRED BLUEJACKETS LANDED

TOKYO, Jan. 4.
Three destroyers have been ordered to sail from Sasebo to Fochow, where the cruiser Kitagami landed a hundred bluejackets to protect Japanese lives and property.

NEW YEAR AT CANTON

LITTLE OR NO
CELEBRATION

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, Jan. 3.

Contrary to all expectations, New Year Day passed by in Canton with unusual quietness, there being little or no celebration. In Government circles the celebration was simple. The high officials met in the new Sun Yat Sen Memorial Hall at 9 o'clock in the morning, and after an exchange of greetings, welcomed the New Year in with flierackers, a few remarks and a reading of the latest political will and testament of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen. At the end of the gathering, a string of slogans were shouted, some of which were as follows: "The Anti-Japanese Boycott shall be Permanent"; "Down with the Japanese Imperialists"; "To Recover Manchuria by all means from the Grip of the Japanese Army"; "To Guard against Dictatorship"; and "Down with the Communists." After the gathering a military review was held in Yintong in the north-eastern suburb of Canton.

In marked contrast with last year, the celebration was sullen and melancholy even in official circles, there being no enthusiasm whatever. Few merchants participated in the celebration. The great majority clinging to the old lunar calendar in the matter of New Year rejoicing.

DEAN INGE AS AUNT SALLY.

20 YEARS OF "ABUSE."

Dean Inge referred to his arrival in London 20 years ago when he spoke at a dinner of the Savage Club in London last month.

"I believed myself to be a scholar, a clear thinker and had also a very modest opinion of myself," he said. "But as soon as I came to London every gutter-snipe in Fleet-street began to pelt mud at me."

"I was very much taken back at first, but set my teeth and determined to send my critics to whatever place it is that clergymen can send people. They have gone on making me their Aunt Sally ever since, but I have gone on saying what I believe to be true and shall go on, however gloomy it may be."

The Dean said that the worst of all the abuse came from the religious newspapers.

Appealing to the critics to encourage a revival of culture in art and literature, the Dean remarked: "We have a great dearth of first rate ability and an extraordinary amount of second rate ability. One thing I have noticed, however, is that writing for the half-educated is a very good and lucid style of writing."

"A savage," the Dean also said, "is a very fine thing to be, something I fear I shall never attain. I am one of the mildest of men. I have never killed anything in my life except a wasp and that was in self defence."

UGLY INCIDENT AT
CANTON

JAPANESE BEATEN TO
DEATH

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, Jan. 4.

An ugly incident was created on New Year Eve in Canton when a mob beat a Japanese to death on the East Bund shortly after 7.30. The Japanese came up from Hong Kong and was on his way back to Shamen when the tragedy occurred. As he alighted from the train at Taishan, he tried to take a ricksha to Shamen. But his Japanese dress, ignorance of the Chinese language, and peculiar manners attracted the attention of the hoodlums who soon began to hiss and jeer. The ricksha pulled asked him in Chinese where he wanted to go, and his inability to make himself understood only tended to aggravate the situation. A mob soon gathered around, and after a few fierce implications, started to attack the foreigner. The police on the beat intervened on his behalf. He was taken to a police station nearby, where the sergeant in charge hired a taxi-cab and tried to escort him back to Shamen. The sergeant and the police officers felt duty-bound to afford adequate protection to foreigners, irrespective of their nationality.

Everything would have gone on smoothly had it not been for something which unexpectedly occurred en route. A fierce conflagration had started in the fish market, and the taxi-cab carrying the Japanese and the police officer had to turn back to take a roundabout way. Stopping the car spelt disaster. The infuriated mob which knew no law followed up, caught the Japanese and beat him to death.

Mr. Suma, the Japanese Consul-General here, is taking the matter up with the Canton Government, demanding, among other things, compensation and adequate protection of Japanese lives and property in Canton. It is learned that the Government is prepared to compensate the deceased's family and afford fuller protection to all foreigners residing in Canton, especially the Japanese.

General Heung Hon Ping, Police Commissioner of Canton, is taking special precautionary measures to insure adequate protection of Japanese lives and property which are centred in Honam Point. In addition to ordering the officers of the Hung Tak Police Station to keep a vigilant watch on the houses of the foreigners in general and the Japanese in particular, the General has despatched a detachment of troops belonging to General Chang Dat, Commander of the 3th Division.

NEW ALLIANCE IN THE SOUTH

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, Jan. 4.

The south western provinces of China, comprising Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Yunnan, Kweichow and Szechwan, have entered into an Alliance for mutually protective purposes. The Alliance formally came into being on New Year Eve after a banquet in the New Asia Hotel. The prime movers of the enterprise were Generals Chen Yai Tsung, Li Chung Jen, Mr. Wong Shing Chi and Mr. Chang Ching Loung.

According to a circular message to the people the new Alliance has for its object: (1) To unify and consolidate the south western provinces of China to resist foreign aggression; (2) to demand the new National Government in Nanking to create a national defence Council for these five south western provinces; (3) to demand the National Government in Nanking to devise means which will place these provinces in a better position to deal with the present time of anarchy and to organize a strong power to protect the south west.

Sports News

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

SHIELD COMPETITION DRAW.

INTERPORT TRIAL.

The draw for the second round of the Football Shield Competition, to be played on Saturday, February 27, is as follows:—

Senior.

Police v. S.W.B.—Club ground. Club v. Argyls.—Sookunpoo. Kick-off at 4 p.m. sharp.

Junior.

Recreio or R.A.F. v. Navy.—Recreio ground. 12th Batt. R.A. v. R.A.O.C.—Sookunpoo ground. Kowloon v. S.W.B.—Kowloon ground. Argyls v. Club.—Chatham Road ground.

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m. sharp. The replay in the Junior Shield Competition between Recreio and R.A.F. will be played on Recreio ground at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, January 9. Referee: H. Fieldhouse.

Probable Interport Team.

The following have been selected to play against the Services as a probable interport team on Saturday, January 9, on the Kowloon F.C. ground, kick off at 3.30 p.m. sharp:—Rodger; Mallane, Strang; Hay, McKelvie (Capt.); Bliss; B. Gosano, McTavish, Howe, A. V. Gosano, Duncan (S.W.B.). Reserves: Martin, C. Pile, Rawson and Shepherd. Referee: P. O. Kirby, Linesmen: Sergt. Caswell and R. P. O. Darlington.

The proceeds from this match will be devoted to the Navy and Army branches of the M.C.L.

KOWLOON GOLF.

REMEDIOS WINS CHAMPIONSHIP.

The final of the Club Championship of the Kowloon Golf Club, was decided on Sunday when F. E. Remedios and E. D. da Roza contested for the premier honour over thirty-six holes.

E. D. da Roza started in great style and stood 6 up at the 9th hole but lost two holes in the second nine to finish the morning round 4 up.

After the tiffin interval da Roza went further ahead and was in a sound position at the 27th hole where he stood 5 up and nine to play. Up to this stage the ex-champion never had a look in and was bewildered by his opponents putting. Da Roza was sinking putts from all distances.

Eventually Remedios got into his stride and gradually reduced the lead until the 35th hole where he gained the lead. The 36th hole was halved, and Remedios won the Championship by one hole. This is the sixth time that E. E. Remedios has won the Club Championship.

MACAO HOCKEY.

WINS FOR RADIO SPORTS CLUB.

During their visit to Macao during the New Year holidays, the Radio Sports Club played two hockey matches and one football match.

The result of the hockey match with Lieutenant Costa's team on Saturday afternoon was a draw, each side obtaining one goal, play being fast and strenuous.

Playing against the Club Grupo Desportivo Hockey Team on Sunday afternoon, Radio won 2-0 in a very fast and exciting game. In their football match against the Club Grupo Desportivo on Sunday morning, Radio were only able to turn out a comparatively weak team. They nevertheless managed to hold their opponents until within a few minutes of the game when the Macao forwards managed to break through to score the winning goal. Karnal finish in goal put up a sound defence for the visitors and successfully withstood many spirited and determined attacks by the Macao forwards.

LAWN TENNIS.

ENTRIES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS OPEN.

HOLDER OF SINGLES TITLE NOT HERE.

Entries are now open for the annual tennis championship events run by the Hong Kong Cricket Club, commencing on February 13. As usual there are the men's open singles and doubles championships, while the following events are open to members and subscribers of the Club only:—

Club Championship.
Handicap Singles "A."
Handicap Singles "B."
Handicap Doubles.
Mixed Handicap Doubles.

Entries close on Thursday, January 22. The holder of the singles championship (Mr. C. A. L. Ramjahn) is not in the Colony and it is not expected that he will return for the tournament. As for the doubles event, it is more than probable that the Ramjahn cousins will defend their title.

PERRY BEATS BOROTRA

(Reuter's Special Service.)

PARIS, Jan. 4. F. J. Perry, the British Davis Cup player who is visiting the West Indies shortly, gained a splendid victory over Jean Borotra in the final of the Paris Christmas International Tournament, in a match which was packed with thrills.

Perry winning three sets out of four, 3-6, 7-6, 8-1, 6-4.

VARSITY NOTES.

CONGREGATION DAY.—The Hong Kong University Congregation Day has been fixed at January 11, when H.E. the Governor will confer degrees on the graduates of 1931. Among the successes, there is a Doctor of Medicine.

UNIVERSITY REOPENS.—The Hong Kong University re-opened yesterday after a vacation of two weeks.

RUGBY

INTERPORTER MARRIED.

MR. E. F. BUTTRESS AND MISS DORIS BIDDICK.

The marriage took place yesterday at St. John's Cathedral of Miss Doris May Biddick, daughter of the late Mr. F. Biddick and Mrs. Biddick, of "Restholm," Padstow, Cornwall, and Mr. Eric Frank Buttress, who is an engineer in the Public Works Department and a local Rugby interport player. The Rev. N. V. Halward officiated.

Given away by Mr. E. S. Carter, the bride wore a dress of Lido blue shadow lace and carried a bouquet of white sweet-peas and roses.

Mrs. Cressy, who was matron of honour, was attired in a dress of bottle green.

Mr. R. H. Woodman discharged the duties of "best man." Messrs. J. E. Richardson, A. C. Beck and R. H. Davies were the groomsmen.

A reception was held in the Hong Kong Hotel attended by many friends of the couple and Government officials. Among those present were the Director of Public Works (the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, C.B.E.) and Assistant Directors E. W. Carpenter, O.B.E., H. E. Goldsmith, and B. McE. Henderson. The bride's travelling costume was a brown gown with hat to match.

MEDICAL MAN CHARGED.

WOMAN PATIENT AND A VISIT TO IRELAND.

STRANGE COURT STORY.

Remarkable statements were made during the hearing of a case which came before Mr. Hay Halkett at Marlborough-street Police Court.

Rupert Charles Handley Ensor, aged 51, described as a medical practitioner (unregistered), of Bel-size-park, Hampstead, N.W., was charged with treating a woman for a disease for reward without being qualified as a medical practitioner and with obtaining sums of money from her husband.

Mr. Charles Wallace, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said that Ensor had passed certain medical examinations, but was not registered, and was not, therefore, qualified to give treatment for the disease.

It appeared, said Mr. Wallace, that a Captain Williams, who was in the service of a Mr. Halford, of Orange-street, W., had received beneficial treatment from Ensor for varicose ulcers on the leg.

Mr. Halford mentioned to Ensor that his wife was in ill-health and was undergoing treatment. Ensor suggested that he should treat her, and eventually he examined her at Mr. Halford's flat.

14 Guineas a Week.

He then left, and returned with Dr. Porritt, of St. Mary's Hospital, where Ensor was studying, although, said Mr. Wallace, the authorities there thought that he was a qualified man.

Dr. Porritt also examined Mrs. Halford, and later Ensor told Mr. Halford that he and Dr. Porritt had diagnosed the same disease. Ensor said that he himself was a surgeon on the hospital staff. Mr. Halford paid Ensor two guineas for Dr. Porritt.

Ensor then said the treatment would be expensive, and he suggested that it would be cheaper if Mrs. Halford was lodged and treated at his house for a fee of 14 guineas a week. Mrs. Halford paying the weekly fees of 14 guineas.

Ensor then said that he was going to Ireland for a holiday and suggested taking Mrs. Halford with him, as she needed a holiday and continued treatment. He said the cost would be 60 guineas, and Mr. Halford handed the sum to him.

A Trip to Ireland.

Ensor, said Mr. Wallace, took Mrs. Halford to Ireland, and subsequently from what he heard, Mr. Halford tried to persuade his wife to return, but she did not, and as a fact, never had.

The Magistrate.—Where is she now?

Mr. Wallace.—I understand that she is still with Ensor. That was the last that was heard of her.

A Scotland Yard officer said that when arrested Ensor replied: "I have a complete answer to the charge."

A remand was ordered.

NEGROES HANGED FROM A POLE.

MOB OF 60 LYNCH TWO PRISONERS.

Louisburg (W. Virginia). A furious mob of sixty took two negroes from the Great Brier county gaol and lynched them by hanging them from the crossarm of a telephone pole.

As dawn was breaking men in motorcars dashed up to the entrance of the gaol, killed the constable on duty, wrested the keys from a bewildered gaoler, and seized the negroes, Tom Jackson and George Banks. The two men had been arrested on a charge of killing Constable Joseph Myles and Constable Jeff Brown a fortnight ago, when the police raided an establishment where a negro dance was in progress.

The prisoners were taken away in their night-clothes and swung up on the telephone post, where bullets were poured into their dangling bodies. This was the second instance of lynching within a week. The previous Friday 4000 people raided a hospital at Salisbury, Maryland, and hanged a wounded negro who was accused of shooting a resident.

GANDHI'S REPLY TO MISS MAYO.

FALSE GENERALISATIONS.

"The women of India" was the subject of Mr. Gandhi's address to a large and representative gathering of women in Morley Hall, London. The meeting was organised by the Women's Indian Council, a new body founded to study the present conditions and position in India.

Mr. Gandhi said he did not want to convey the impression that Indian women had never suffered at the hands of men, but he said that perhaps 99 per cent. of what his audience had learned from the pages of Miss Mayo's and other books was wholly wrong. "Having read Miss Mayo's book very carefully from cover to cover," he said, "I immediately exclaimed, 'Well, this is a drain inspector's report.' Several things in that book are true, but the generalisations she has drawn from the particular statements she has made are absolutely false. Some statements are figments of her imagination."

Millions of women in the villages, he said, did not live in purdah because they had to earn their living side by side with their husbands, contributing almost on a par with the men to the resources of the household.

Mr. Gandhi went on to extol the part played last year by the women in the cities and villages, who rose in mass at the call of the nation, steeling the hearts of the men and making it possible for the movement to be predominantly non-violent. No one engineer their awakening, he said, it came simultaneously in all parts of the country. "When it was a question of going to sea to manufacture salt with the prospect of gaol at the end they thought that was the thing to do. Their day had dawned. I have to my great joy seen the village women rushing to the sea. I had told them what was in store for them and that, unless they had an inward conviction, they must not play with fire. Later on they suffered even lathi blows. If we can claim any victory it was predominantly due to the women."

THREE MILES FUNERAL PROCESSION.

20,000 PAY HOMAGE TO PIT VICTIMS.

Scenes without parallel were witnessed at the funeral at Bentley of 31 of the miners who were killed in the pit disaster.

As the 131 relatives left the cars taking them to the cemetery they formed their own little procession, headed by the bereaved wives and parents.

Some of these groups of family mourners numbered more than 20, but there was one that consisted of just two—a little boy with his arm around his mother to help her along.

It was half-past one when the first coffin was lowered into the grave; it was a quarter to three when the procession ended. Above the solemn funeral music could constantly be heard the rending cries and moans of the women, many of whom were carried fainting from the graveside.


A crowd of 30,000 lined the route, and the blinds in every house and shop in the district were drawn.

The funeral procession was three miles long and nearly three hours went by before the last of the mourners arrived at the graveside.

Three motor-lorries were required to carry the wreaths, which numbered 500.

On a central platform at the graveside stood clergy and ministers of every denomination, all making a united effort to comfort those shattered women around them.

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ATTACK IN PADDED CELL.

NURSE'S DEATH FROM NATURAL CAUSES.

The death of a young probationer nurse following an attack upon her by a patient at Colney Hatch Mental Home was investigated by the Southwark coroner.

The girl, Lilian May Dell (18), of St. James's-road, Croydon, it was stated, had told her mother that she entered a padded cell to clear away crockery when the patient threw her to the ground and banged her head on the floor.

Dr. D. Alexander, of the mental home, said it was a daily occurrence for several of the 2,900 patients to attack an attendant. As the girl said she was unhurt she was not examined and continued her work.

Two days later she complained of headaches. After she had been in bed ten days her mind became a little deranged and he ordered her removal to Guy's Hospital.

Dr. R. Sutcliffe, of Guy's Hospital, said that there were internal bruises on the skull, but he considered that death was due to the alleged attack, but to septicaemia and cerebral ulcers. The jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

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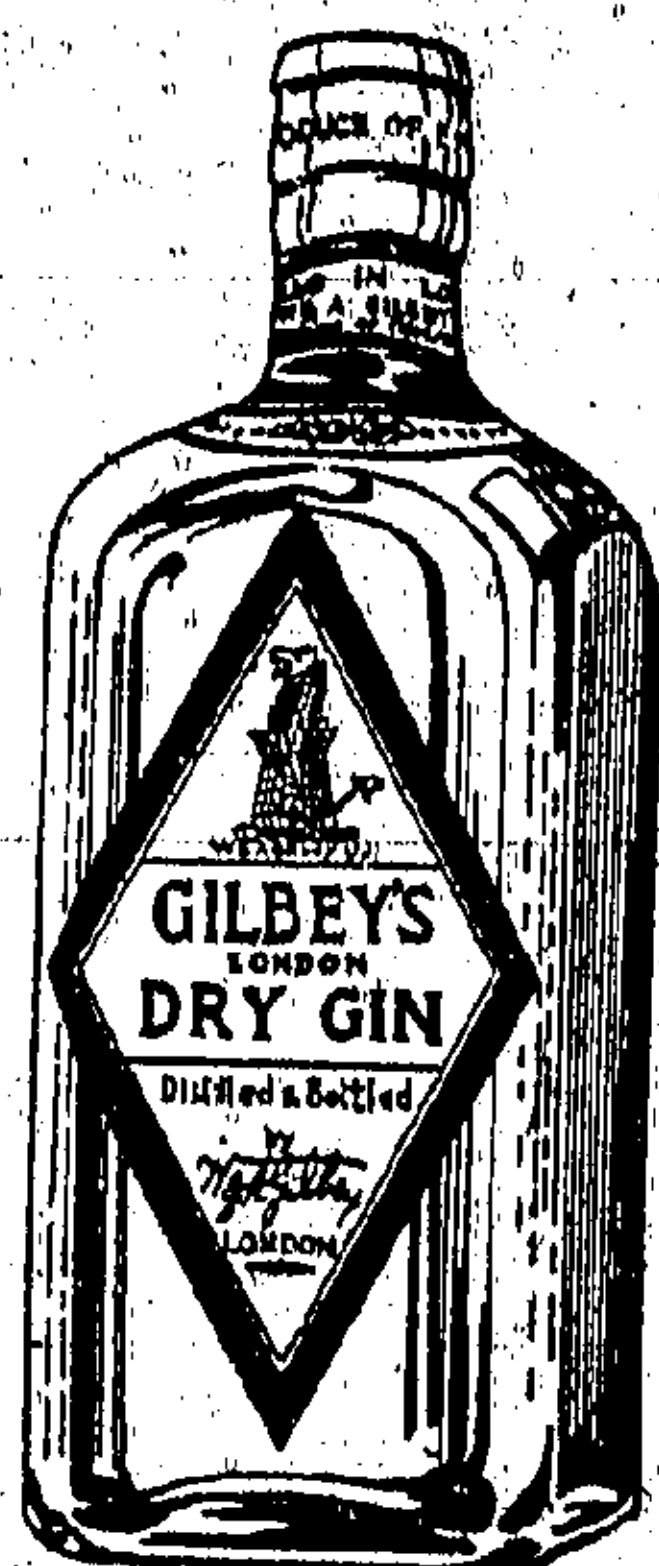
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A man who lost unemployment
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inquest at Leigh, Lancashire on
Merry Elizabeth Mayers, aged seven,
daughter of John Mayers, a collier.

It was stated that during play
the child's nightdress caught fire,
and Richard Garner, who lives in

the same house, went upstairs and
burned his hands severely in extin-
guishing the flames.

Garner stated that on going to
sign for his unemployment benefit
he was told that he would have to
go on the health insurance owing to
the condition of his hands. He was
not in full benefit, so he could not
draw the health insurance money.

He would, therefore, draw only
three days' unemployment benefit
for the week instead of the whole
He said that he thought that after
what he had done in trying to save
the child's life it was unfair.

**TO-DAY'S WIRELESS
PROGRAMME.**

**BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON
355 METRES.**

11 to 11.30 a.m.—Stock quotations.
11.30 a.m.—Chinese recorded pro-
gramme.

12.30 p.m.—European programme of
Columbia records.
1 p.m.—Local time and weather
report.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press news, mail
notice, etc. Relay of speech
from the Rotary Club: Mr. J.
D. Bush on "The Promotion of
Agriculture in the New Ter-
ritories."

2 p.m.—Close down.
3 to 3 p.m.—European programme
of Columbia records.
5 to 5.30 p.m.—

Operatic.

Song—"Il Trovatore—D'Amor
m'ha l'occhio" (Verdi).
Song—"Aida—O Patria Mia"
(Verdi)—Eva Turner (Sop-
rano).—L2154.
"Cello Solo—"The Meistersingers
—Prize Song" (Wagner arr.
Squire)—W. H. Squire—
L2154.

Orchestral—"Cavalleria Rus-
ticana" (Mascagni).—Intro-
duction.—The British National
Opera Company's Orchestra.
Song—"Cavalleria Rusticana"
(Mascagni and Weatherly).—
Sicilia n'a—Heddie Nash
(Tenor).—L2157.
Chorus—"Rigoletto—Quartette"
(Faust Daughter of the
Graces) (Verdi).—Maria Gen-
tile, Ebe Stignani, Alessandro
Granda and Carlo Galeffi—
L2310.

5.30 to 6.05 p.m.—

A Concert.

Piano Solo—"Country Gardens"
(Granger).
Piano Solo—"Shepherd's Hey"
(Granger).—Percy Granger—
D1664.
Song—"A Fairy Went A-Market-
ing" (Fyfe and Goodhart).
Song—"Down Here" (O'Reilly
and Brahe).—Dome Clara But-
terly (Contralto).—P.B.E.
Octette—"Serenade" (Gounod
arr. Sear).
Octette—"Extase" (Ganne).—
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Octette.—L2322.
Songs—"Four Indian Love
Lyricks" (Woodford-Finden).—
Kenneth Walters (Baritone).—
G2323B.

Piano Duet—"The Best Wed-
ding" (Mendelssohn arr. Cor-
der).
Piano Duet—"Valse in D Flat"
(Chopin arr. Corder).—Dorothy
Folkard and Muriel Warne.—
3244.

6.05 to 6.33 p.m.—Vocal Gems from
Gilbert and Sullivan.
"Iolanthe"—Columbia Light
Opera Company.—DX17.

"The Pirates of Penzance"—
Columbia Light Opera Com-
pany.—9622.
"The Mikado"—Columbia Light
Opera Company.—9581.

7 p.m.—Stock quotations, mail
notice, etc.

6.33 to 7.15 p.m.—

Variety

Orchestral—"Neapolitan Nights."
Orchestral—"The Midnight
Waltz"—The London Novelty
Orchestra.—MR164.

Song—"He's My Secret Passion."
Song—"Moonin' Low"—Greta
Keller (Contralto).—MR197.

Orchestral—"The Windmill
Man"—Selection—Court Sym-
phony Orchestra.—9592.

Vocal Duet—"When It's Sunset
on the Nile."
Vocal Duet—"I Lost my Gal
Again"—Sweet and Low.—
MR300.

Instrumental—"Hawaiian Cap-
ers."
Instrumental—"Ticking the
Strings"—King Nawai's Ha-
waiians.—DB225.

7.15 to 8 p.m.—

Orchestral.

"Four Ways Suite" (Eric
Coates).—Regal Cinema Orches-
tra conducted by Emanuel
Starkey.—9796/9797.
"Rosamunde-Overture" (Schu-
bert).—Sir Hamilton Harry
conducting the Halle Orchestra.
—L1993.

"Summer Days Suite" (Eric
Coates)—In a Country Lane—
On the Edge of the Lake—At
the Dance.—New Queen's Hall
Light Orchestra conducted by
Eric Coates.—4389/9370.

"Wood Nymphs" (Eric Coates).—
(Continued on next column).

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at 4 p.m. and is due at Hong Kong
on January 11 at 7 a.m. and leaves
for Manila on the same day at 6
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Capt. R. H. Stringer, from
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tons, Capt. S. Yokoyama, from
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from Keelung, Yaumati Anchor-
age.—Sato Y. & Co.
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Capt. C. Alexandre, from Can-
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haiwei, buoy No. 120.—B. & S.
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Capt. A. Ito, from Singapore,
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1,425 tons, Capt. M. B. Tanaka,
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tons, Capt. T. Kawamoto, from
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lar Line.
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Tonkin, French str., 906 tons, Capt.
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Tjinegara, Dutch str., 3,783 tons,
Capt. Weide, from Amoy, buoy
No. A6.—J.C.T.L.

January 4.

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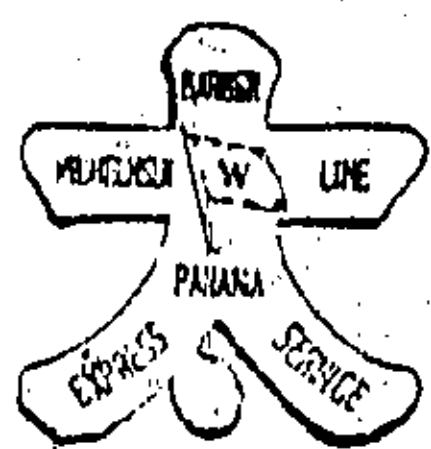
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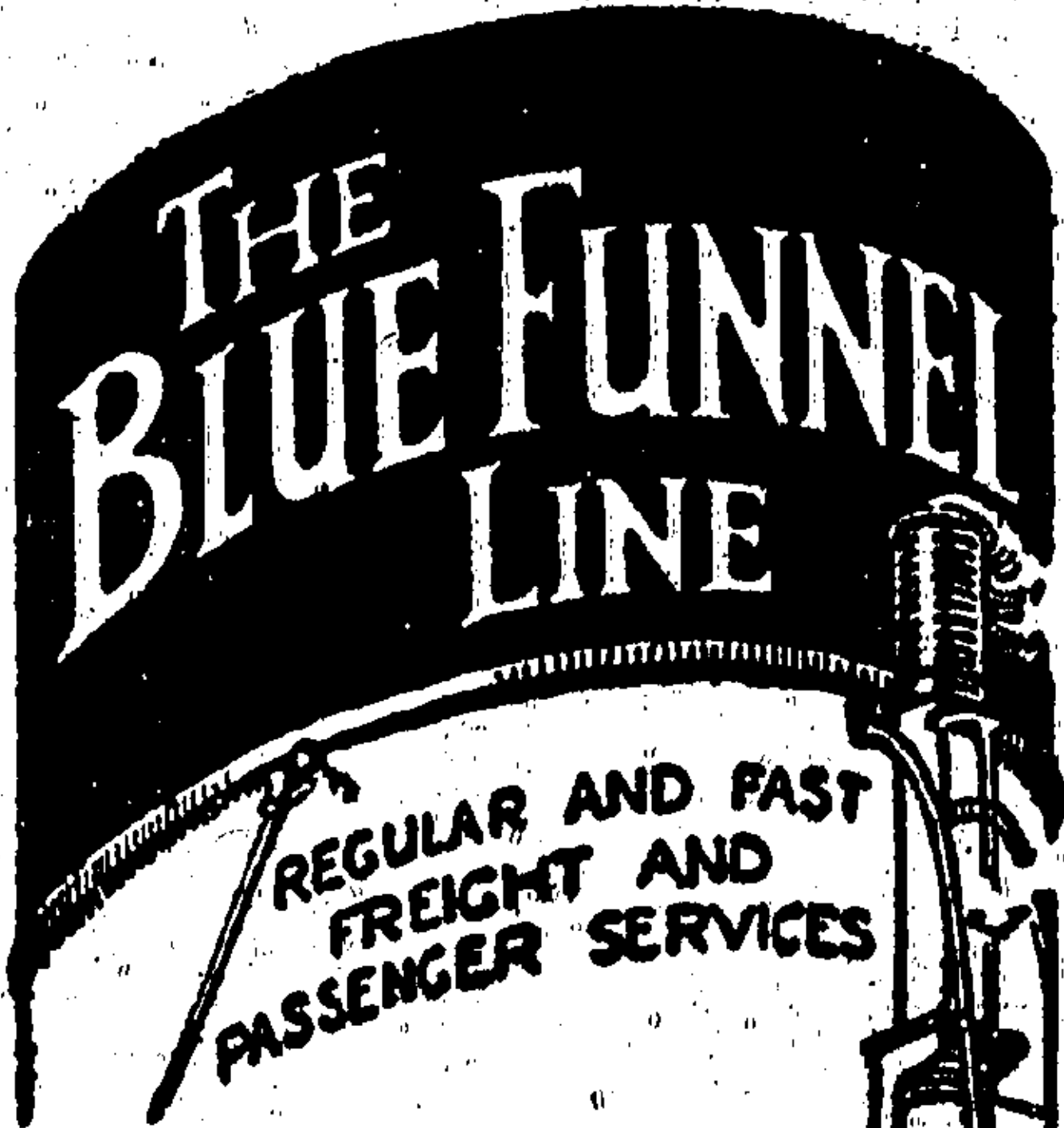
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Rotterdam & Glasgow.

LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"AGAPENOR" 18th Jan., For Port Said, Genoa,
Havre and Liverpool.
"DOLUIS" 20th Feb., For Port Said, Genoa, Liverpool,
Havre and Glasgow.

NEW YORK SERVICE.

"RHEXENOR" 7th Jan., For Boston, New York & Baltimore
via Philadelphia, Port & Swantonham & Singapore.

PACIFIC SERVICE (via KOBE & YOKOHAMA).

"TYNDAREUS" 16th Jan., For Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.
"PROTESILAUS" 18th Feb., For Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.

INWARD SERVICE.

"AENEAS" 11th Jan., For Shanghai & Dairen.
"PERMIUS" 11th Jan., From New York.

All cargo steamer with limited passenger accommodation
at specially reduced fares.
The freight, passage rates and information apply to the
undermentioned.
All bookings are subject to the provisions of the Company's
Bill of Lading.

Butterfield & Swire,

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

January 4, 1932.

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|--------------------------------|-------------|
| ON LONDON:— | 1/8 1/2 |
| Telegraphic Transfer... | 1/8 1/2 |
| Bank Bills, on demand 1/8 5/16 | |
| Bank Bills, 4 months' sight | 1/8 7/16 |
| Credits, 4 months' sight | 1/8 1/2 |
| Documents, 4 months' sight | 1/8 1/2 |
| ON PARIS:— | |
| Bank Bills, on demand 820 | |
| Credits, 4 months' sight 874 | |
| ON NEW YORK:— | |
| Bank Bills, on demand 24 1/2 | |
| Credits, 60 days' sight 25 | |
| ON BOMBAY:— | |
| Telegraphic Transfer | 96 |
| Bank, on demand ... | 96 |
| ON CALCUTTA:— | |
| Telegraphic Transfer | 96 |
| Bank, on demand ... | 96 1/2 dis. |
| ON YOKOHAMA:— | |
| On demand ... | 47 nom. |
| ON MANILA:—On demand... | 49 |
| ON SINGAPORE:— | |
| On demand ... | 614 |
| ON BATAVIA:—On demand... | 614 |
| ON HAIKONG:— | |
| On demand ... | 68 |
| ON SAIGON:—On demand... | 68 |
| ON BANGKOK:— | |
| On demand ... | 184 1/2 |
| SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying | 184 1/2 |
| Rate ... | 184 1/2 |
| BAN SILVER, per oz ... | 20 5/16 |

HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Authorized Capital\$50,000,000
Issued & Fully Paid-up.....\$20,000,000
Reserve Funds.....
Sterling 26,500,000
Silver \$10,000,000
Reserve Liability of Pro-
prietors\$20,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.

Board of Directors:
Hon. Mr. C. G. S. MACKIE, Chairman.
Hon. Mr. J. J. PATTERSON, Deputy Chairman.
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G. Miskin, Esq.,
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J. A. Plummer, Esq.,
T. H. R. Shaw, Esq.,
J. P. Warren, Esq.,
Chief Manager:
V. M. GRAYBURN, Esq.

BRANCHES:—
Amoy, Iloilo, Peiping,
Bangkok, Ipoh, Penang,
Batavia, Johore, Bangkok,
Bombay, Kobe, Saigon,
Calcutta, Kowloon, San Fran-
cisco, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore,
Canton, London, Sourabaya,
Dairen, Lyons, Shanghai,
Fookchow, Malacca, Sungei,
Haiphong, Manila, Putani,
Hankow, Amur, Tientsin,
Harbin, Mukden, Tientsin,
Hongkong, New York, Yokohama.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in
LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DE-
POSITS received for one year or
shorter periods in Local Currency
and STERLING on terms which will
be quoted on application.
Hong Kong, 30th Dec., 1931. [20]

HONG KONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank
is conducted by the HONG
KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION. Rules may be ob-
tained on application.
For the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 16th July, 1930. [2]

THE CHASE BANK.

3, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
HEAD OFFICE:
19, FINE STREET,
NEW YORK.

An American Bank offering complete
Foreign Banking Service in the
principal Markets of the world.
Interest Rates on Application.

This Bank is entirely owned by THE
CHASE NATIONAL BANK, New
York, with Resources over U.S.
\$2,500,000,000.
D. M. BIGGAR,
Manager.

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL- MAATSCHAPPIJ, N.V.

(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY.)
Established 1824.

HONG KONG OFFICE: 11, QUEEN'S ROAD
CENTRAL.

Authorized Capital.....Gldrs. 150,000,000
Paid-Up Capital.....Gldrs. 80,000,000
Reserve Fund.....Gldrs. 40,015,000

Head Office:—Amsterdam.
BRANCHES:—Batavia, Bandoeng,
Banyuwangi, Benarue, Bontoe,
Cebu, Genoa, Hongkong, Kobe,
London, Lyons, Manila, Peking,
Rangoon, Rotterdam, Shanghai,
Singapore, Soerabaya, Swatow,
Tientsin, Yokohama.

These offices keep safe Deposits, Remittances, etc.

London Bankers:—
National Provincial Bank, Ltd.

Correspondents all over the world.
Banking Business of every descrip-
tion transacted.

A. STOKKINK,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st Dec., 1931. [30]

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.
Hong Kong Currency.
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$11,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL 8,865,600
RESERVE FUND 1,100,000

BRANCHES:—
CANTON, SHANGHAI, HANKOW,
SWATOW, BANGKOK, NEW
YORK and SAN FRANCISCO.

London Bankers:—
THE LLOYDS BANK, LTD.

Correspondents
all Principal Cities of the World.
Foreign Exchange and Banking
Business of every description
transacted.
Safe Deposit Boxes (various sizes)
at a Yearly Rental of from \$5 to
\$40.
LOOK POONG SHAN,
Manager.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER,
1852.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital 23,000,000
Reserve Fund 24,000,000
Reserve Liability of Pro-
prietors 23,000,000

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES:—
ALGERIA, AMSTERDAM, ANKARA,
ANTWERP, ALEXANDRIA, BAHIA,
BANGKOK, BATAVIA, BEIRUT,
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, CANTON,
CELEBES, CHINA, COLOMBO,
Dairen, HANKOW, HONG KONG,
Kobe, KOWLOON, LONDON,
LYONS, MANILA, Peking,
Rangoon, SHANGHAI, SINGAPORE,
SOERABAYA, SWATOW, TIENTSIN,
YOKOHAMA.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General
Banking Business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and
FIXED DEPOSITS received for one
year or shorter periods at rates
which will be quoted on applica-
tion.
J. STUART,
Manager.
Hong Kong, August 17, 1931. [30]

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE (Incorporated in France).

Princes Building, Chater Road,
Victoria, Hong Kong.

HEAD OFFICE:
74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

Capital, fully paid-up 50,000,000
Special Working Capital..... 50,000,000
Reserves 23,319,000

BRANCHES:—
Paris, Marseilles,
Saigon, Haiphong, Hanoi,
Touane, Quinhon, Hue,
Vinh, Pnom Penh,
Peiping, Shanghai, Tientsin,
Hong Kong.

BANKERS:
France: Societe Generale, Banque
Nationale de Credit Banque de
Paris et des Pays Bas.
London: Midland Bank, Ltd.
New York: American Exchange
Irving Trust Co., Banca Com-
merciale Italiana.
San Francisco: Bank of Italy.

Every description of Banking and
Exchange Business transacted.
Correspondents throughout the
World.
A. ROLLIN,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 24th August, 1931.

BANK OF CHINA.

Reorganized October 20, 1928, under
special charter of The National
Government as an
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE
BANK.

Subscribed Capital.....\$25,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital.....\$24,710,200.00
Reserve Funds \$3,820,503.28

HEAD OFFICE:—SHANGHAI.
HONG KONG BRANCH:
4, Queen's Road Central.

Owing to our numerous branches
in China and large connections in
the important commercial centres of
the world, we are able to extend to
our clients special facilities for
domestic and foreign banking and
exchange.

We also handle the issue of Bonds
and other Public Funds of the
Chinese Government both at home
and abroad.
SHOU J. CHEN,
Manager.

THE HO HONG BANK, LTD.

(Established 1917.)
HEAD OFFICE:—SINGAPORE.
HONG KONG OFFICE:—13, QUEEN'S RD. C.

Authorized Capital.....Straits \$20,000,000
Issued \$8,000,000
Paid-up \$4,000,000
Reserve Liabilities \$4,000,000
Shareholders \$2,287,000
Surplus

Branches, Agencies and Corres-
pondents in the principal cities of
the world.
Every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.
TAN ENG HOOI,
Manager.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

ESTABLISHED 1918.
HEAD OFFICE:
10 Des Voeux Road, Central,
HONG KONG.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS OVER H. 88,000,000.00
TOTAL RESOURCES OVER H. 830,000,000.00

Every description of Banking Accounts and Exchange business
transacted.
Current and Fixed Deposit Accounts in Local and Foreign
currencies opened for Clients.
Savings Account and Safe Deposit Boxes.
Branches and Agencies all over the world.

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

THE AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY, INC.

Head Office:
60, Broadway New York.

Capital U.S. \$4,000,000
Surplus U.S. \$1,579,545
Reserves U.S. \$1,908,209

BRANCHES:
Algeria, Amsterdam, Antwerp, Athens, Bahia, Barcelona, Beirut, Berlin, Bombay, Buenos Aires, Calcutta, Canton, Cebu, Chicago, Colon, Hankow, Harbin, Hongkong, Kobe, Kowloon, London, Lyons, Manila, Peking, Rangoon, Shanghai, Singapore, Soerabaya, Swatow, Tientsin, Yokohama.

Branches of AMERICAN EXPRESS
Company in Principal Cities of
United States of America and
Canada.

All classes of Commercial Bank-
ing Transactions undertaken.

Personal investment accounts
handled.

The Company offers to intending
travelers the use of its "Travelers
Cheques" and Letters of Credit
and, in addition, the world wide
services of its thoroughly equipped
Travel Department.

E. W. DUGGAN,
Manager.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:—
15, Gracechurch Street, London,
E.C. 3.

Authorized Capital 23,000,000
Subscribed Capital 21,800,000
Paid-up Capital 21,050,000
Reserve Fund and Rest..... 21,838,845

BANKERS:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND
and
MIDLAND BANK, LTD.

BRANCHES:
Batavia, Karachi, Madras,
Bangkok, Kota Bharu, New York,
Bombay, Kuala Lumpur, Penang,
Calcutta, (Kanton) Port Louis,
Colombo, Kuala Lumpur (Mauritius),
Delhi, (Pahang) Rangoon,
Galle, Kuala Lumpur, Shanghai,
Hong Kong, Lumpur, Simla,
Hawrah, Kuantan, Singapore,
Ipoh, (Pahang) Sourabaya,
Kandy.

HONG KONG BRANCH:
Every description of Banking and
Exchange Business transacted.
Travelers Cheques issued.
Trustee and Executorship under-
taken.

INTEREST allowed on Current Ac-
counts and Fixed Deposits at Rates
that may be ascertained on applica-
tion.
O. L. SANDES,
Manager.

7, Queen's Road Central,
Hong Kong, 29th April, 1931. [20]

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital (fully paid up)
Yen 100,000,000
Reserve Fund Yen 116,900,000

HEAD OFFICE: YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES AT:
Alexandria, Honolulu, Rio de
Batavia, Kai Yuen, Janeiro
Beirut, Karachi, Rangoon
Bombay, Kobe, Sourabaya
Calcutta, London, San Francisco
Canton, Los Angeles, Seattle
Changshu, Manila, Bombarang
Dairen, Nagasaki, Shanghai
(Dairen), Nagoya, Shimomoseki
Fengden, Nanking, Singapore
(Mitsui), New York, Sydney
Hankow, Osaka, Tientsin
Harbin, Paris, Tokyo
Peiping, Tsingtao

Interest allowed on Current Ac-
counts.
Deposits received for Fixed
Periods at rates to be obtained on
application.
H. MORI, Manager.
Hong Kong, Sept. 11, 1931. [35]

FOREIGN MAILS

PARCEL MAIL

The Public are hereby warned that in view of the passing of the
Abnormal Importations Customs Duties Act, no guarantee can be given
that any parcel will not be subject to Customs duty on arrival in the
United Kingdom. The system of prepayment of Customs duties in this
Office is cancelled until further notice except as regards parcels of silk of
or under the value of 2 5-0 or its equivalent in dollars at the rate of the
day. It will however be necessary in these cases to make a deposit
against duty equal in amount to the declared value of the Parcel.
Definite information will be published in the Mail Notices directly it
is received.

POSTAL RATES.

| Letters | Local | China and Macau | 3 cts. |
|-----------|-------|-----------------|--------------|
| Postcards | Local | China and Macau | 2 cts. each. |
| | Local | China and Macau | 8 cts. each. |

The Registration fee is in each case 20 cents.

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded
"via Siberia" if so superintended.

INWARD MAILS.

| FROM | FROM | DATE |
|---|-----------------|-----------|
| SHANGHAI and SWATOW | Swatow | 6th Jan. |
| JAPAN and SHANGHAI | Hakodate Maru | 5th Jan. |
| JAPAN and SHANGHAI | Sphinx | 5th Jan. |
| STRAITS | Cremor | 5th Jan. |
| AMOI | Santia | 6th Jan. |
| SAIGON | Chenoukawa | 6th Jan. |
| SAIGON via NEAPOLIS (Letters and Papers) London 10th December | Hakusui Maru | 8th Jan. |
| AUSTRALIA and MANILA | Tsuyoshi | 8th Jan. |
| JAPAN and SHANGHAI | Fushimi Maru | 8th Jan. |
| U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN and SHANGHAI (San Francisco, 15th December) | Pres. Pierce | 9th Jan. |
| CANADA, U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN and SHANGHAI (Vancouver, B.C., 19th December) | Empress of Asia | 11th Jan. |
| U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN and SHANGHAI (San Francisco, 18th December) | Pres. Jackson | 11th Jan. |
| U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN and SHANGHAI (Seattle, 16th December) | Pres. Jefferson | 15th Jan. |
| SHANGHAI and JAPAN | Karnata | 15th Jan. |

OUTWARD MAILS.

REGISTERED and PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes
earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and
where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered
and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

| FOR | FOR | DATE and TIME |
|--|--------------|--|
| Bangkok via Swatow | Hiranda | Tuesday, 6th, 9.30 a.m. |
| Manila, Marseilles and Constantinople | Tyngsboro | 9.30 a.m. |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, and "South American Ports" | Africa Maru | 10.30 a.m. |
| Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and "EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 26th January, and "EUROPE via Siberia" | Pres. Hoover | Parcels 10.00 a.m. Reg. 10.45 a.m. Letters 11.30 p.m. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow | Uaiyang | 1.00 p.m. |
| Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, and "EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 6th February" | Sphinx | Reg. 1.00 p.m. Letters 1.15 p.m. |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and "EUROPE via Marseilles—due Mar- seilles, 6th February" | Diomed | Reg. 1.00 p.m. Letters 1.00 p.m. Reg. 1.45 p.m. Letters 1.50 p.m. |
| Manila and Parcels for Germany via Hamburg | Sunland | 5.00 p.m. |
| Swatow | Koching | 5.00 p.m. |
| Bangkok | Hervar | Wednesday, 8th, 1.30 p.m. |
| Shanghai, Japan and "EUROPE via Siberia" | Chenoukawa | 2.30 p.m. |
| Amoy | Tsuan | 3.30 p.m. |
| Manila | Rhezenor | 5.00 p.m. |
| Hoihow and Haiphong | Manado Maru | Thursday, 7th, 8.30 a.m. |
| Sandakan | Manwang | 10.30 a.m. |
| Straits and Calcutta | Kumany | Parcels Noon Letters 1.00 p.m. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow | Haiching | Friday, 8th, 1.00 p.m. |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and "EUROPE via Marseilles—due Mar- seilles, 7th February" | Fushimi Maru | Reg. 8th, 4.20 p.m. Reg. 8th, 5.00 a.m. Reg. 8th, 5.00 a.m. Reg. 8th, 5.00 a.m. |
| Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and "EUROPE via Vio- toria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 28th January, and "EUROPE via Siberia" | Pres. Taft | Parcels 3.00 p.m. Reg. 4.15 p.m. Letters 5.00 p.m. 5.00 p.m. |
| Manila | Pres. Pierce | Reg. 5.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. |
| Bangkok via Swatow | Kraig | Sunday, 10th, 8.30 a.m. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Formosa | Honan Maru | 9.00 a.m. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow | Hai Ning | Tuesday 12th, 2.00 p.m. |
| Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America, and "EUROPE via Vio- toria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 28th January, and "EUROPE via Siberia" | Chenoukawa | Reg. 12th, 5.00 p.m. Reg. 12th, 5.00 a.m. |
| Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 28th January | Tsuyoshi | Parcels 6.00 p.m. Reg. 12th, 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and "EUROPE via Marseilles—due Mar- seilles, 12th February" | Karnata | Friday, 16th, Parcels 4.30 p.m. Reg. 12th, 5.00 a.m. Letters 10.00 a.m. G.P.O. Reg. 12th, 5.00 p.m. Reg. 12th, 5.00 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. |

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